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Township Seeks Way To Protect the Trees At Rt. 27 Accident Site

Township Committee is resisting a state Department of Transportation (DOT) offer to remove three trees creating a hazard at the Route 27 site of three serious one-car accidents within the last seven years. Two of the accidents were fatal.

Instead, Committee members have consented to destroy only one tree — a Linden that is unhealthy anyway — and are seeking other means to protect motorists.

As recently as February 10, 71-year-old John Selenko of Somerset went off the road at the spot between Dodds and Shady Brook lanes and suffered serious injuries after striking one of the trees. On February 3, Joan T. Foster, of Montgomery was killed after her car hit a tree at the same location. An earlier fatality occurred in July 1990, after a collision with the same trees.

The Township Engineering Department contacted the DOT on February 10, requesting that the state block the trees off with guiderails to make the road safe, according to Township Engineer Bob Kiser.

A response from Timothy Szwedo, manager of traffic signal and safety engineering at the DOT, dated February 26, reads: "We have investigated this site and have determined that the appropriate action would be the removal of three trees at this location: one 36" diameter, one 24" diameter, and one 14" diameter."

Mr. Szwedo adds that the DOT does not generally install guiderails for the purpose of shielding trees. In addition, he points out, since the trees are located within the shoulder of the roadway, a guiderail would encroach onto the shoulder even more and create a greater hazard than already exists.

Mr. Szwedo asked that the Township Committee provide the state with written concurrence, after which a DOT maintenance crew would remove the trees as soon as possible.

At the Committee meeting on

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Borough to End Brush Pickup

From now on, it will be every Borough resident for him or her self when it comes to brush pickup. Council last Tuesday night decided that, in the interests of saving money, the Borough will discontinue its weekly curbside pickup of brush.

"It has become a popular service with the public," said Borough Engineer Carl Peters, whose office is often the first place disgruntled residents turn when their brush has not been collected.

Council also decided that it would not pick up grass clippings when Mercer County, which is currently performing this service, decides to discontinue it. This move by the County is expected imminently.

It was the County's cessation of brush pickup, in fact, which propelled the Borough's Public Works Department into the brush collection business in the first place.

For about a decade, up until some four years ago, the Borough's trash hauler picked up brush. This service ceased when the ruling came down that brush could no

longer be included in the waste stream.

That's when Mercer County took over the job. It did it for about a year and a half before bailing out. The Borough's Public Works Department then stepped in to fill the breach.

Council's decision to cease brush pickup came out of a discussion about the 1998 capital budget. One item requested by the Public Works Department was a garbage truck to

be used for brush pickup; the old one, bought for \$9,000 a number of years ago, is on its last legs. A used garbage truck in good condition would sell for approximately \$105,000.

"There is a more important discussion than the truck," said Council President Mark Freda. "We should think twice about spending that kind of money."

Roger Martindell said the greatest

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Three Township, Two Borough Candidates File Petitions for Three School Board Seats

Five candidates for seats on the Princeton Regional School Board had filed petitions in the office of Board Secretary Dan Swirsky by the deadline at 4 p.m., on Monday, March 2.

Three Township candidates will compete for two seats; and two Borough candidates will vie for a single seat when the school elections take place on April 21.

Todd Tieger and David Robbins will complete three-year terms in April. Mr. Tieger is running for re-election to his second term.

Also running will be Howard Wainer and Charlotte Bialek, newcomers to school board office.

Mr. Tieger, a senior software engineer with the Princeton Junction firm of CyLogix, chairs the board's

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REMEMBERING HARD TIMES: "Children of the Dustbowl" will be offered at John Witherspoon Middle School on March 5 and 6 at 7:30. The play, by drama teacher Linda Marie Coakley, tells the story of migrants from Oklahoma. Shown, from left, are cast members Owen Scheffer, Mark Andre, and Mike Skalka. See story on page 29.

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Trees

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March 2, Mr. Kiser reported that the width of the shoulder is six feet, but that trees in the shoulder cut "three and a half to four feet off the travel lane." If a guiderail is added, he said, it would have to "bow out and back in." Motorists could be deflected by it into the oncoming lane of traffic, he said.

The DOT recommendation was discussed by the Township's Traffic Safety Committee, Mr. Kiser continued. The Safety Committee recommended that the two larger trees be removed but that the third tree be left standing, as it posed no immediate danger. Township police concurred with the Safety Committee recommendation, said police Lieut Robert Buchanan.

To Cut or Not

"In seven years, we have had only two fatalities," Committeewoman Roz Denard pointed out, questioning whether any trees at all needed to be cut down.

"What's the odds of another accident occurring?" asked Committeeman Frakt. "The idea of knocking down trees is tough to contemplate."

Mr. Kiser responded that between Shady Brook Lane and Dodds Lane the shoulder narrows at the location of the trees. If a vehicle veers out of

Red Cross Will Help Locate Tornado Victims

The American Red Cross has opened a Disaster Welfare Inquiry Center to help local families get in touch with family members living in the tornado-ravaged section of central Florida — Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, or Volusia.

Individuals who have been unable to reach relatives because of downed phone lines are invited to call the Red Cross at 951-8550.

control for even an instant, there is no possibility of recovery, he said.

The engineer then introduced Robert Wells, chair of the Shade Tree Commission, whom he had asked to inspect the trees. Mr. Wells' statistics on tree diameter differed from the DOT's.

He said that the middle-sized tree, a 33" Linden, should definitely be removed because it was unhealthy and would not survive long under any circumstances. The third tree, 14" in diameter, was irrelevant to the discussion because at ten feet from the roadway, it constituted no danger at all, he said.

Required or Option?

The largest tree, a 43" English elm, which was hit in the recent accidents, should be saved if there was "any way possible to hang onto it," he said. The tree is reminiscent of the elms that used to line streets in Princeton, he noted.

Mr. Frakt asked whether the Township could refuse the DOT recommendation. "Is tree removal an option or a requirement?" he demanded.

Mayor Phyllis Marchand said she thought that because Route 27 is a state road, the Township probably had no jurisdiction over trees that invaded the shoulder.

"In light of the fact that there has been an extensive period of time during which no accidents occurred, let's take down the tree that's in bad shape and write to the DOT," suggested Michele Tuck-Ponder.

"I'm not sure we can justify that position," Mayor Marchand objected. Mr. Kiser reminded the Committee that a guiderail could cause motorists to veer into oncoming traffic.

"How about other alternatives?" suggested Mr. Frakt. He mentioned blinkers, night reflector posts, and "rumble strips." (The accidents all occurred in broad daylight.)

Mayor Marchand wanted to know whether the Township would be liable if it refused the DOT recommendation and another accident occurred.

"There would be a greater liability for all of us," commented Township Attorney Edwin Schmierer.

Ms. Marchand suggested surrounding the trees with some kind of material that would lessen the impact.

"We aren't traffic engineers!" exclaimed Ms. Tuck-Ponder. "Let's just communicate our concerns to the DOT, then let them do what they have to do."

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SHAMROCK AUCTION: Members of the St. Paul School Shamrock Auction Committee, make final plans for the fund raiser set for Saturday, March 7, at the Princeton Marriott. From left, standing, Victoria Hansard and Beth Carnevale; seated, Denise Wandishin, Debbie Rosetty, and Michelle Sheridan. For more information, call Ms. Sheridan at 896-3298.

School Board Consultant Says Search For New Superintendent Will Be Difficult

The search for a new superintendent for the Princeton Regional Schools will take at least four to six months to complete, according to Carole Larsen, a field service representative with the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA).

Ms. Larsen acted as a consultant to the Board of Education in its search for a superintendent in 1993, when Dr. Marcia Bossart was hired.

[Dr. Bossart's last day of service was January 30. In January, she and the Board of Education negotiated a paid leave-of-absence until June 30, 1999, effective February 1.]

Invited to the school board meeting of February 24, to review past search methods and to deliver a presentation on the search process, Ms. Larsen quipped, "I don't

know whether you're inviting me back again until we all get it right!" The NJSBA, she said, would charge the district a flat fee of \$3,500.

TOPICS Of the Town

Ms. Larsen pointed out that the board was beginning its search at the "absolutely worst time of year." Given the length of time necessary for the search, she said, it would be impossible to have someone in place by July 1, when a new contract year begins. She added that the more likely scenario would see a new superintendent in the district by December or January 1.

Board member Todd Tieger asked Ms. Larsen to rate the search methods used four years ago. She replied that she would change nothing, that the process had been neither rushed nor prolonged.

The last time around, the board advertised the position in the fall of 1993. It interviewed finalists extensively, and held two community forums with them early in 1994. Dr. Bossart was appointed in May.

Despite Ms. Larsen's response, several board members suggested that perhaps search techniques should be changed. Bucky Hayes, for example, noted that the previous search relied on interaction between candidates and parent-teacher, staff, faculty, and community groups.

"Why should we think the group interview has any relationship to performance?" he demanded. "Is there any research on how an effective superintendent spends his or her day?"

Search Methods

Ms. Larsen acknowledged that much of a superintendent's daily routine involves one-on-one communication. "How do we pick up on the one-on-one idea?" Mr. Hayes demanded.

Gina Kolata went even further, demanding, "What evidence do we have that the standard way of finding a superintendent is the right way?"

"Do whatever you want," rejoined Ms. Larsen. "Have the person come in and create a symphony if that's what

you want!"

Ms. Kolata persisted, explaining, "Where I work [New York Times], candidates come in for a week, and turn in a job performance."

Mr. Tieger said he felt that seeing a finalist in front of a community group could provide a valuable insight to board members.

"On that basis, you might select someone who is talented only at interfacing with the public," persisted Mr. Hayes.

Ms. Larsen stressed that no matter what search methods the board uses, it is

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imperative that it analyze its district goals and long-range plans and develop criteria to be used when reviewing candidates.

Precarious Situation

She said that the pool of eligible candidates has shrunk since tenure for superintendents was eliminated by state law in 1991. "Not as many people are willing to leave a tenured position for another \$10,000, in a situation that is precarious," she added.

Therese Flaherty questioned whether the NJSBA could suggest only candidates who were already in the job market; and Ms. Larsen replied that an announcement of the Princeton Regional vacancy would be put "in front of anyone we can reach."

She noted that because she represents the NJSBA, she could not, of course, actively recruit among superintendents in the state. "It would not be politic, for instance, for me to reach out and try to steal the superintendent in Cranbury!" she said.

Steven Carson asked whether members would be precluded from soliciting candidates on their own if the board used the services of NJSBA. "Everyone comes through the same channels," responded Ms. Larsen.

She pointed out that the board would have to decide how it is going to handle

Borough Budget Introduced; 6 Cent Tax Hike Shown

The 1998 Princeton Borough operating budget was introduced at last Tuesday night's meeting of Borough Council.

It shows a 6 cent increase in the municipal tax, from 54 to 60 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The budget itself, at \$16.9 million, is an even million dollars over last year.

When voting to introduce the document, several Council members said they would not support its adoption unless there was a reduction in the amount of tax increase.

Based on the figures shown, the owner of a Borough property valued at \$300,000 would pay an extra \$180 a year in new municipal taxes — from \$1,620 in 1997 to \$1,800 this year.

The 6 cent tax rate increase amounts to a tax hike of 11 percent. This is 7 points lower than earlier estimates.

Borough Administrator Thomas Shannon said he had tabulated an 18 percent increase in December, when there was very little information available — a circumstance, he said, which encouraged him to be conservative.

Since then, said Mr. Shannon, he has learned that revenues were higher than he had thought. He has also factored in an anticipated raise in meter revenues this year.

"I have also been able to scrutinize expenditures more carefully, and to do more squeezing on costs," he added.

Mr. Shannon said he expects Council to discuss the budget sometime later this month. A public hearing is scheduled for April 7 at 8 p.m. in Princeton University's Computer Science Building. —Myrna K. Bearse

Internal candidates, and recommended that their applications be considered "on an equal footing" with those from outside the district.

Ms. Larsen suggested that it might be wise for Princeton Regional to use the services of a national consulting firm in its search. "You might be better served by someone not in the situation," she advised.

sentation by representatives of a national recruiting firm at some time in the near future. At press time on March 3, such a presentation had not been placed on the agenda for March 10.

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"The example of Princeton is deeply burned in a lot of administrators' memories," she continued. "The memory of Dr. Choye [the previous superintendent who was also controversial] and Dr. Bossart will remain with people for a long time; and you are going to have to make it clear that this is a place where people can succeed."

Ms. Larsen suggested that perhaps the services of a national recruiting firm could be "blended" with the NJSBA approach. "Don't get talked out of doing criteria-based research," she admonished.

"Take time; reflect; ask questions. Don't make decisions in haste that you may regret later on. You have the leisure to take your time."

Mr. Hayes pointed out that the current board must be careful not to make decisions that will "compromise the flexibility" of the new board in its search for a superintendent.

[After the school board election on April 21, the make-up of the board will change. Five candidates are running for three board vacancies; the only incumbent up for re-election is Mr. Tieger.]

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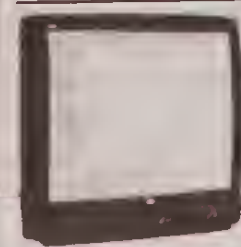
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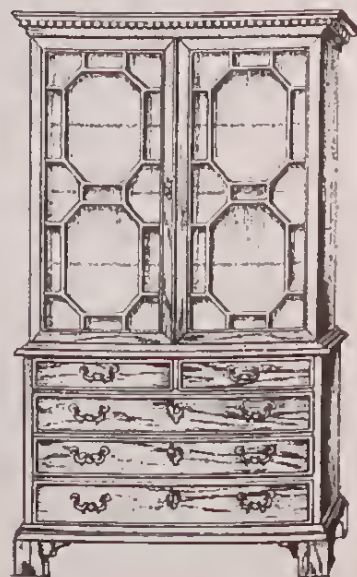
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THREE OF A KIND: PDS sophomores, from left, Alexa Miller, Stephanie Horowitz, and Melissa Bailey enjoyed Friday's warm weather while playing a few hands of Gin in front of the Palmer Square Post Office. (photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Four Men Charged In Weekend Beating Of Male PU Student

Princeton Borough Police arrested four men, three of whom are recent Princeton High School graduates, in connection with the beating of a University student early Sunday morning.

Officers from the Borough, the Township, and the University's Department of Public Safety all responded to a 2:22 a.m. report of a fight in progress outside the Third World Center at 86 Olden Street.

Police arrived on the scene and found two injured University students, both 20-year-old males, who were taken to the emergency room at the Medical Center. One was released after treatment for minor injuries. The second, identified by the *Daily Princetonian* newspaper as Christopher Poindexter, required stitches, and spent the evening at McCosh Infirmary.

As a result of the investigation, the responding officers made four arrests. They charged three Princeton High

graduates with aggravated assault, and a Somerset man with possession of a weapon.

The three charged with aggravated assault are: Marshawn Ferguson, 20, of 105 Joyce Kilmer Avenue in New Brunswick; Justin Henderson, 20, of 15 Tupelo Row; and Richard Wright, 19, of 193 Jonathan Dayton Court.

Julio Valdivieso-Newton, 20, of 25 Barker Road in Summit, was found to be in possession of a wooden cane, and was charged with possession of a weapon.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Wright were later released on payment of 10 percent of \$2,500 bail. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Valdivieso-Newton were released on their own recognizance. All four are expected to appear in Borough Court on April 6.

Reports in the student newspaper suggested that the fight had its roots in a dispute that took place at a party held the previous evening in the same building. Mr. Poindexter is said to have argued with one or more of the accused men, who apparently returned the next evening.

According to sources quoted in the *Doily Princetonian*, only college students were supposed to be admitted to the party at which the beating took place, but "security wasn't what it should have been."

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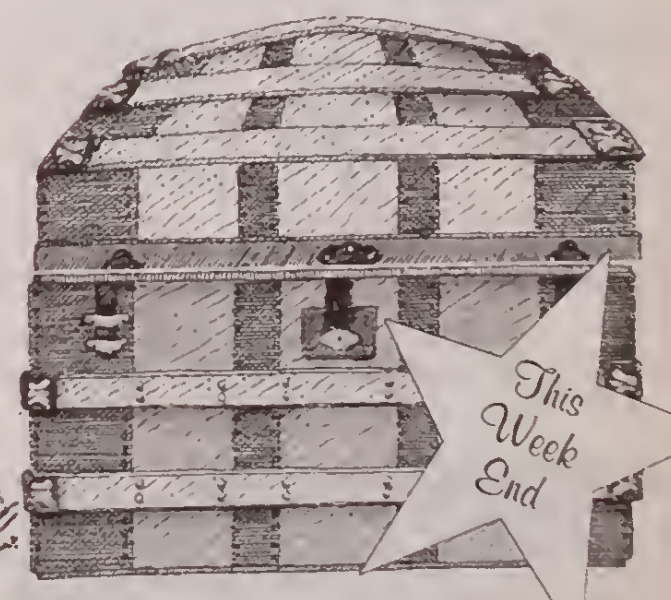
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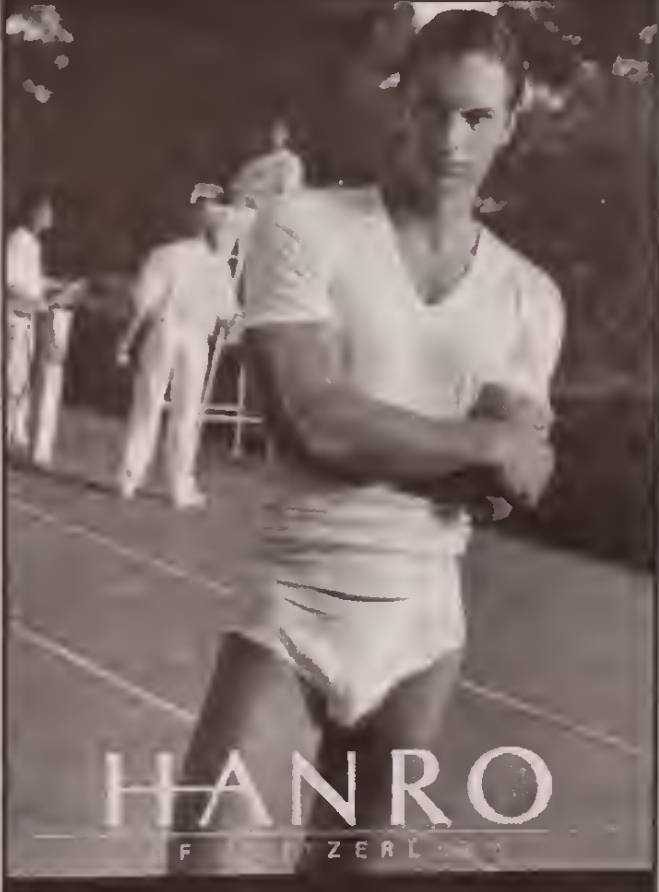


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Children should register at Community Park, Johnson Park, Littlebrook, or Riverside School according to their current school attendance area. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must reach five years of age on or before November 30. Princeton residency must also be established.

It is not necessary for parents to bring their children to registration. They should bring, however, the child's birth certificate and medical records, particularly immunization records. Under State law, students who lack the following immunizations when school begins cannot be admitted: DPT, oral polio, measles vaccine, rubella vaccine, and mumps vaccine.

If parents are not fluent in English, they may bring a friend or relative to interpret; Spanish-speaking parents should register at Community Park School where an interpreter will be available. Parents are also encouraged to inform school personnel, during registration, of any condition which may affect educational planning for the child.

Parents should complete the registration process on March 24, 25, or 26 to help school officials organize classes for next year. Parents can also schedule their child for the Kindergarten Round-Up, which will be held during May.

For further information, contact the Office of Curriculum & Instruction, Princeton Regional Schools, 25 Valley Road, Princeton, or call 924-5621.

She was charged with the moving violation as well as DWI, and will appear in court on March 9.

Several charges were filed against a Trenton man on Sunday morning after he was stopped at 12:46 a.m. on suspicion of driving while intoxicated. Michael Spatola, 30, of 2630 Nottingham Way, was pulled over after an officer saw his 1996 Chevrolet being driven erratically on Wiggins Street.

Mr. Spatola reportedly refused to submit to a breathalyzer test.

He was arrested and charged with DWI, refusal to submit to a breath test, and careless driving. He is due in court on March 16.

In other alcohol-related matters, four Princeton University students were arrested on Friday night, one on charges of providing alcohol to a minor, and the other three on charges of being minors in possession of alcohol.

At 7:19 p.m., the arresting officer spotted the four individuals outside a Nassau Street liquor store. The three minors in the group were in possession of a case of beer and four bottles of liquor.

Police charged 21-year-old William Clark, of Foulke Hall, with providing alcohol to a minor. Charged with being minors in possession of alcohol were three 18-year-olds: Andrew Clark, Franco Harris, and William Partlett, all of Forbes College.

A Sunday morning traffic stop on Library Place ended with a drug arrest, police reported. A 1985 Nissan with only one headlight was pulled over at 1:56 a.m. The passenger, Carlin Burford, 36, of Eldridge Avenue in Trenton, was charged with possession

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Man Fleeing Police Crashes His Car Into Township Home

An 18-year-old Township resident faces charges in both the Borough and the Township this week, following his alleged attempt to elude a police car early Saturday morning.

According to police reports, a patrol officer spotted the 1989 Sterling driven by Michael Cortese, of 68 Potters Run, on Stockton Street near Elin Road at approximately 1:17 a.m. The officer saw the car cross the center line several times, and followed Mr. Cortese, in an attempt to make him pull over.

Police reports state that Mr. Cortese, who was later charged with driving while intoxicated, then turned off the car's lights and made a left onto Hutchinson Drive followed by a right turn onto Fleming Way. Mr. Cortese, evidently lost control of the vehicle at that point, and the car struck a curb, and blew a tire. The car crossed the road and traveled part-way up the driveway of 56 Fleming Way, then left the driveway and crushed several shrubs before crashing into the front of the house.

Mr. Cortese was slightly injured in the accident, and who saw her run the red was transported to the Emer-

gency Room for treatment. Both the house and the car were seriously damaged.

Borough Police charged Mr. Cortese with driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right, and possession of a counterfeit driver's license. In the Township, he faces charges of reckless driving and driving an uninspected vehicle.

He was later released on his own recognizance, pending an April court appearance.

Other DWI Incidents

Three other individuals were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated this week. On Wednesday at 1:35 a.m., police arrested Angelya Weinmann, 31, of Blawenburg, after seeing her drive the wrong way down Spring Street in a 1998 Nissan.

Ms. Weinmann was charged with driving while intoxicated, careless driving, and driving the wrong way on a one-way street. She was later released, pending a March 9 court appearance.

A woman who police say ran a flashing red light on Vandeventer Avenue at 12:41 a.m. Saturday morning was later charged with driving while intoxicated. Valerie Bogdan, 37, of Bordentown, was stopped on Washington Road by a Borough officer

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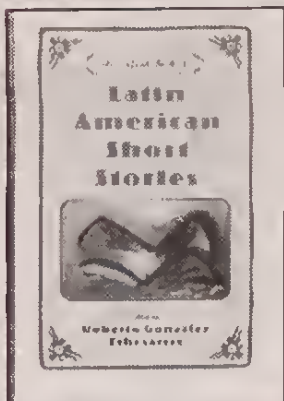
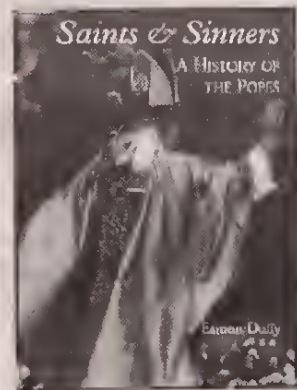
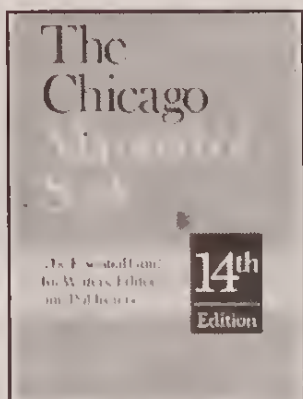
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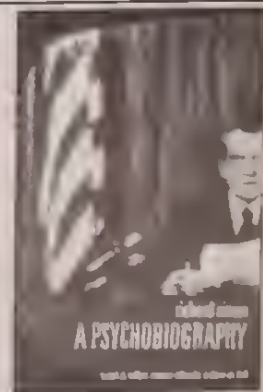
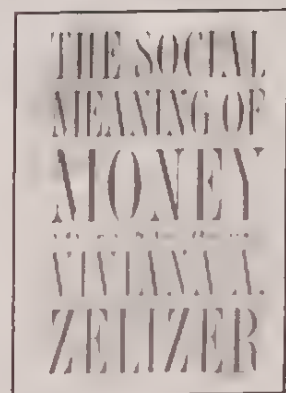
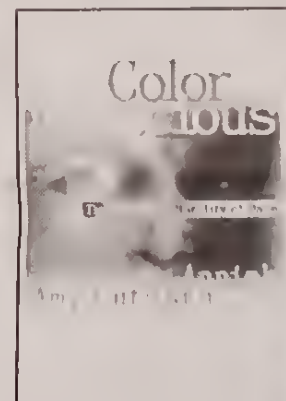
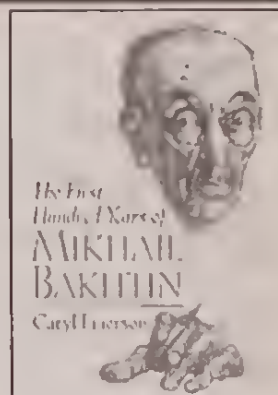
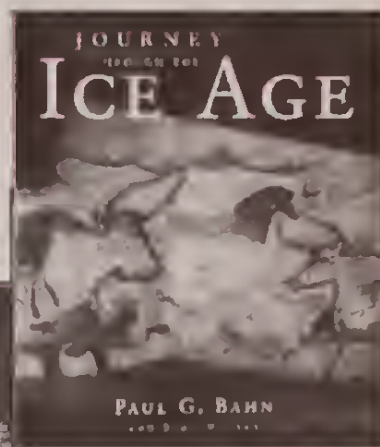
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of crack cocaine.

According to the investigating officer, the drugs were found on the passenger seat and on the center console of the vehicle.

Mr. Burford was released on his own recognizance, pending a March 16 court appearance.

A female University student reported that an expensive Gucci wallet, containing \$25 in cash and personal papers, was removed from her handbag in one of several eating clubs on Prospect Avenue Sunday morning.

The victim reported that she left the handbag unattended in various places between midnight and 3 a.m. The total value of the stolen property was placed at \$305.

A 26-year-old Lakewood man reported that his knapsack, containing personal papers, was stolen from the gym in the YMCA on Bayard Lane Friday night.

The knapsack was taken between 7:10 and 7:20 p.m. The total value of the stolen property was placed at \$180.

In an act of criminal mischief, someone used a sharp object to scratch the side of a 1990 Mercedes-Benz parked on Witherspoon Street Saturday evening.

The damage was done to the car between 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

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New Locations Set For Council Meetings

The March 10 meeting of Borough Council will be held in the Woodrow Wilson School's Dodds Auditorium, on the corner of Washington Road and Prospect Avenue.

The March 24 meeting, as well as all Council meetings scheduled for April and May, will be held in the large auditorium of Princeton University's Computer Science Building on Olden Avenue.

Mayor and Council have had to put on their traveling clothes because Borough Hall is closed for renovation. The meetings will not return to Borough Hall until the work is completed, possibly early next year.

Summer Camp Sign-Up At Recreation Department

Need something for your kids to do this summer? Don't wait until the last minute. The Princeton Recreation Department has begun taking registration for its Summer Day Camp Program.

The Summer Day Camp program is a six-week program, running June 29 through August 7, for children entering grades 1-6 in the fall. Camp meets Monday through Friday, 9 to 3 in Community Park South behind the Pool Complex. Pre-camp, 7:45 to 9 and after-camp, 3 to 5:30, are also available for working parents.

Campers participate in a wide variety of day-to-day activities including, but not

limited to, sports, games, arts and crafts, movies, and special events. Every day, the camp goes to the Community Park Pool for lunch and swimming. On rainy days, campers go indoors to the Community Park School. Trips to the shore, water parks, professional baseball games, plus more, are available. Swim and dive lessons are also available.

Space is limited to the first 225 campers who sign up. Non-residents will be eligible to sign up after Wednesday, June 10. Once all of the space is filled, registration will close and a waiting list will then be taken.

The cost for the camp is \$240 for the six weeks for residents. Each additional child in the family is \$180. Nonresident fees are double. Pre-and after-camp are \$60 and \$90. Trips and swim/dive lessons are extra.

For information, call the Princeton Recreation Department at 921-9480, or stop by the office at 380 Witherspoon Street.

Monthly Open Houses To Observe Night Sky

Beginning March 4, the Department of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University will hold monthly informal open houses for the purpose of observing the night sky.

They will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at Peyton Hall, Ivy Lane. In the event of cloudy skies, they will be rescheduled to the second Wednesday.

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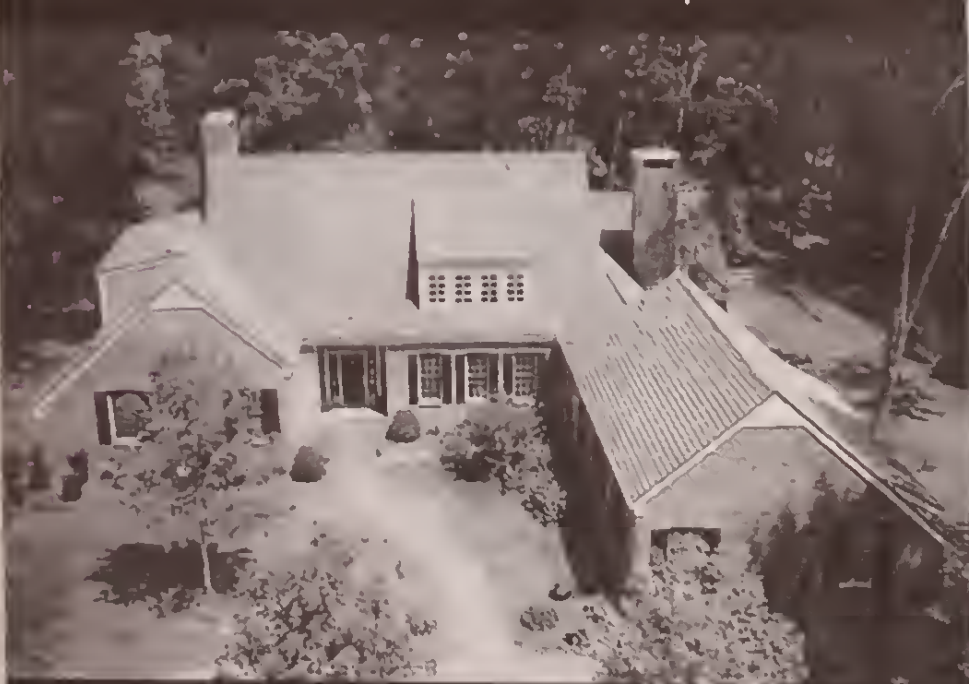
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Half of Township's Tax Hike to Pay Recycling Costs

The average Township household will see a municipal tax increase of \$79.04 in fiscal year 1998, according to figures released on Monday, March 2, by the Township administration. The total amount to be raised by municipal taxation is \$8.86 million, out of a total budget of \$21 million.

The tax amount is based on an average residential assessment of \$395,200. The increase for a property assessed at \$100,000 would be \$20.

Township Administrator James Pascale, while cautioning that the budget figures are preliminary and will probably be amended several times, also noted that half the municipal tax increase is raising taxes?

costs that were previously borne by the county. That amount is approximately \$170,000.

"What did we do before county curbside recycling?" asked Michele Tuck-Ponder. "Maybe we would prefer to dispose of the trash ourselves, rather than pay an additional fee."

Township Engineer Robert Kiser responded that in the past, residents brought their recyclables to the recycling shed at the Princeton Shopping Center, Harrison Street, on a volunteer basis.

The shed accommodates about 40 percent of the Township's residential recyclables now, Mr. Kiser said. He added that with additional personnel, it could definitely handle 100 percent.

"Is that option preferable to raising taxes?" Committee-

"Theoretically, we could refuse to pay \$170,000 to the county; we could also go out to bid on the recycling."

Mr. Pascale responded that there is a problem with the timing. The Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) expects the Township to sign a contract for county pick-up on June 1. Until then, curbside recycling will continue as it has for the past several years, he said.

Mr. Pascale agreed to study alternatives to county pick-up, confiding, however, that the Township could probably do no better than the \$170,000 it will have to pay after June 1.

"The Township is part of a group of municipalities that participate in MCIA recycling and, as such, certainly enjoys an economic advantage it would not have on its own," he said yesterday.

"I, personally, think the budget is very good," Committeeman Frakt declared. He noted that the increase represents a 2-cent hike for every \$100 of assessed valuation, which is very low.

It does not include the open space tax, approved in November by the electorate. That tax adds an additional 1 cent per every \$100 of assessed valuation. The Township sewer charge is also additional.

Chief Financial Officer John Clawson announced that municipal sewer charges will be reduced by about \$14.55 for the average residence, decreasing the average assessment from \$533.50 to \$518.95.

"It is the first time in ten years that we have been able to offer such a reduction, based upon usage," he commented.

Tax rates for the Princeton Regional School District have yet to be determined, as do Mercer County tax rates, which will be added to the municipal tax rate.

A public hearing will be held on the Township budget on April 6. It will follow joint meetings between the Township and the Borough at which amounts for agencies that are cooperatively funded — such as Corner House, the Commission on Aging, and the Civil Rights Commission — will be determined.

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Ten Births to Residents Reported at Med Center

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported that children were born to ten area residents during the week ending February 26.

Sons were born to Mark and Allison Petraske, Princeton, on February 22, and to Nick and Gwendolyn Pagliante, Lawrenceville, on February 23.

Sons were also born to Princeton residents Bob and Lori Hartley, on February 23; Herwig and Benedicte Jansen, on February 25; and to William Jones and Roxane Scurlock, on February 26.

Daughters were born to Michael and Laura Murday, Belle Mead, February 21; Jeffrey and Lorna Dill, Pennington, February 22; Nicolas and Beverly Piroué, Princeton, February 23; Craig and Eleanor Deardorff, Princeton, February 24; and to Frederick and Irvine Gaskin, Princeton, February 26.

Public Library to Present S.J. Perelman Program

"Wackyl!" "Zany!" or as he himself put it, "one of the rare mouths in which butter has never melted," S.J. Perelman was one America's greatest humorists. Like his colleagues at The New Yorker magazine, Robert Benchley and James Thurber, Perelman skewered contemporary foibles with brilliantly silly satire.

On Wednesday, March 11, The Poquelin Players will present "The Most of S.J. Perelman" at The Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, at 10:30, and 7:30, as part of the library's Readings Over Coffee series.

Player's director Dick Swain will be joined by local theater favorites Catherine Rowe and Tom Stevenson (Off Broadway, etc.) in scenes and snippets from Perelman's most inspired writings: "Sleepy-time Extra," about the bedroom habits of

Planning Board Meeting To Revisit PDS Rink

The Princeton Day School ice rink is on the agenda for the Thursday, March 5, meeting of the Regional Planning Board. The discussion is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Valley Road meeting room.

Last September, the Regional Planning Board voted to impose various restrictions on the operation of the Princeton Day School ice rink in an effort to meet neighbors' concerns about noise and traffic. The school had earlier received final site plan approval for the rebuilding of its 29-year-old ice rink in the same size and in approximately the same location.

In response to the concerns of nearby residents, Board members placed restrictions on the rink's hours and on weekend operation. The facility would be allowed to be open from October 1 through April 15.

Since that meeting, the Planning Board has been working closely with PDS to address issues that arose during construction. "We have come to an agreement on all outstanding issues and are pleased with the outcome," said Planning Board Chair Corinne Kyle on Tuesday.

The final agreement, relating to the handling of noise from the compressor, was reached this weekend. "We have worked out a satisfactory arrangement," she said.

Ms. Kyle said that a number of neighbors are likely to attend the Thursday night meeting, and that she expected them to make sure that all issues that were brought to the Planning Board's attention have been properly addressed.

Board members have been very aware of neighbors' concerns and have tried to take these into account, said Ms. Kyle.

Monty and Tanagra Stringfellow; "Tomorrow-Fairly Cloudy," a riotous riff on advertising; and "Insert Flap 'A' and Throw Away."

Included in "The Most" will be a videoclip from The Marx Brothers' *Monkey Business*, written by Perelman.

Coffee will be ready 15 minutes before the start of the program.

Storytelling Series Continues at Arts Council

Storytellers Shella Truncellito and Julie Della Torre will perform in The Saturday Winter Storytelling Series at The Arts Council. The series, which runs through March 21, is co-sponsored by The Arts Council and Storytelling Arts, Inc.

There will be two shows: 10 to 10:45 for 3- to 6-year-old children and 11 to 11:45 for children 6 and above. Admission is \$5 for children and adults. Tickets will be available at the door.

Shella Truncellito of Lawrenceville has a background

in theater and music, and her tellings are influenced by both disciplines. She received her B.A. in Music from DePaul University and has performed as an actress and singer in numerous theater productions in this area and in her home state of Indiana.

Her tellings often include creative dramatics to directly involve her audiences, particularly in schools. She has been a regular teller within the Mercer County Library System since 1991 and at Waldorf School fairs.

Julie Della Torre has been telling traditional and literary fairytales to audiences of all ages, since 1985. As a freelance storyteller in the metropolitan area, she performs in Central Park, at "New York Is Book Country," The Newark Museum, and in many schools, libraries, and festivals. Ms. Della Torre is currently storyteller-in-residence at four elementary schools in northern New Jersey.



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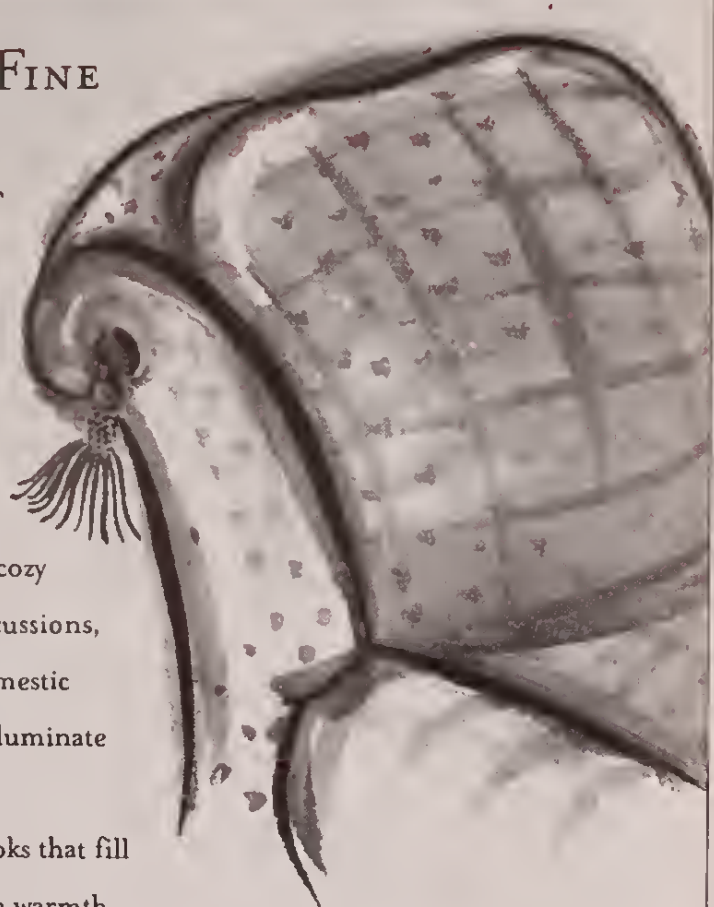
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OPERATION SMILE: Princeton resident Steven O'Connor introduces Matthew Clayton, 12, to Governor Christine Whitman at a State House ceremony last week in which the governor proclaimed March, "Operation Smile Month" in New Jersey.

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'Operation Smile' Program Spearheaded by Resident

Princeton resident Steve O'Connor, The Great Road, is spearheading a national domestic outreach program by Operation Smile, an organization that offers free reconstructive surgery to children suffering from facial deformities.

Last month, when Governor Christine Whitman declared March "Smile Month" to honor the efforts of New Jersey medical volunteers and participating hospitals that offer their skills and facilities free of charge to children with facial deformities, Mr. O'Connor was present along with Matthew Clayton, one of the first children to benefit from Operation Smile's domestic program.

Matthew, 12, who lives in Trenton, had suffered for more than a decade from the debilitating scars left by a pit bull attack when he was an infant. Last December, he received a special Christmas present — free reconstructive surgery from an Operation Smile doctor.

Long active on medical missions overseas, the New Jersey chapter of Operation Smile has begun reaching out to American children, thanks to the efforts of Mr. O'Connor. President of New Brunswick Tomorrow, he facilitated Operation Smile's

move to new program offices in New Brunswick.

The surgery Matthew received was to repair five scars that had remained on his face since he was a baby. Operation Smile's Dr. Craig Hall, a cranio-facial surgeon from Hackensack Medical Center, donated his time and expertise to excise the scars and rebuild the boy's face. Matthew will undergo one more laser operation in about six months.

Surgeons affiliated with the Operation Smile program offer their expertise at University Hospital Craniofacial Center in Newark, Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and St. Peter's Cleft and Palate Clinic in New Brunswick, and Cooper Hospital in Camden. The nonprofit organization's international headquarters are in Norfolk, Va.

James Litton Will Lead Musical Amateurs Reading

James Litton, director of The American Boychoir, will conduct The Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs in a reading of Mozart's *Coronation Mass in C* on Sunday, March 8, at 4 p.m. in the Unitarian Church of Princeton on Route 206 at Cherry Hill Road. The soloists for the afternoon reading will be Margaret Anne Butterfield, soprano, Linda Mindlin, alto, Timothy Harrell, tenor, and John Woodard, baritone. A chamber orchestra will provide the accompaniment. No audition is required to sing in the chorus.

Singers of all ages and experience levels who enjoy choral singing are welcome to join the chorus on a one-time basis for a \$5 admission fee or to join as a member for the season for \$25 (\$40 for couples). The admission fee includes refreshments and the use of a choral score. Students and non-participants are admitted free of charge.

The monthly meetings of the Society, now in its 63rd year, are attended by an average of 100 singers and an orchestra of 35. Prominent choral conductors, drawn from the Central Jersey area, take the podium each month and professional soloists usually handle the solo parts. The organization is ideal for the individual who enjoys making music but cannot give time to rehearsing for a performance. The orchestra is composed of amateur and professional musicians who play by invitation. The selections comprise the better-known choral/orchestral masterworks from the baroque to the contemporary.

Next month, April 26, Frances Slade will lead the group in Bach's *Mass in B-Minor*. This is a change from the previously published schedule, and the reading will take place in the Playhouse on the Westminster Choir College campus. For information, call Mary Kemp, president, at 394-5034.

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Natural Foods Store Organizes Response To USDA Proposal

The Whole Earth Center, 360 Nassau Street, is initiating a community letterwriting campaign to generate consumer response to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) new proposed national organic standards. These standards were developed to create a national definition for the word organic and to delineate the materials and methods that can be used to raise and process foods that will be allowed to be labeled "organic."

The national organic standards are now in the public comment period — a time in which interested parties can send to the USDA their comments, concerns, and recommendations in response to the proposal. The public comment period for the proposed standards ends on April 30, 1998.

The USDA's proposed standards have created tremendous concern among organic growers, consumers, and animal rights activists. Allowances for the use of genetically-engineered organisms, irradiation, municipal sewage sludge, and animal confinement are among the key points of contention. Organic growers and retailers



FRIENDS OF PRINCETON ATHLETICS: Members of the committee planning the gala to benefit athletics programs at Princeton High School and the John Witherspoon Middle School are, front row, from left, Susan Gordon, Debra Thomas, Wendy Jolley, and Karen Garland; second row, Debbie Curtis, Carol Parkinson, and Terry Meade; third row, Laura Trocoli, Pam Uglietta, and Marisa Der-vech; and back row, Jane Pickett and Linda Brener.

are also concerned that this proposal lowers the standards for organic production and, therefore, will undermine consumer confidence in the integrity of the term "organic."

The Whole Earth Center is joining with area businesses, organic growers, chefs, and other nonprofits to create a

fact sheet that will explain the issue to consumers and to create sample letters and recommendations to help consumers generate responses that fit the USDA's insistence that they will only count letters and e-mails that are "science-based."

From Saturday, March 7 until Thursday, April 30, the Whole Earth Center will devote an area of the store to the letterwriting campaign. Along with sample letters, materials available to customers will include a copy of the Federal Organic Standards and copies of a document prepared by Organic Watch, a volunteer group of attorneys and activists, that gives specific details on 16 of the major points of concern.

"Although the need for a national definition of the term "organic" was initially proposed as a way to protect

consumers, the USDA guidelines for response have effectively excluded consumers from this debate," says Whole Earth Center board member Laura Huntsman. "We are trying to make it as easy as possible for area residents to respond effectively. Our goal is to generate 3,000 responses — both in letters and e-mails — from the Princeton community."

Questions on the letterwriting campaign should be directed to Rich, Kathleen or Jen at 924-7429.

Dinner Dance to Benefit School Sports Programs

The third annual gala dinner dance for the benefit of athletics programs at Princeton High School and the John Witherspoon Middle School will take place on Friday, March 13, at the Princeton Marriott, Forrestal Village.

The "Motown Sound" gala will feature a silent auction and dancing to the Franklin & Alison Orchestra.

Sponsors of the dance are the Friends of Princeton Athletics, an organization of parents, teachers, and coaches that meets on a monthly basis to plan events, provide educational programs, and support the athletics teams at both schools. During the past two years, fund-raising and the promotion of safety issues have been major priorities.

The cost of the gala is \$55 per person; tables of ten people are available. Reservations should be sent to the Friends of Princeton Athletics, Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street, Princeton 08540.

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TOP SPELLERS: Stuart County Day School students Isabelle Kenyon, front left, Julia Gebar, and Emily Driscoll, were top spellers in the Princeton Area Junior League's Annual Spelling Bee. Julia placed first in the fourth and fifth grade category, followed by Isabelle and Emily. The three received certificates of achievement from the Junior League's Education Chair, Kim Lavin, back left, and President Loretta Cooper.

Latin Academy Celebrates Muses And Its Tenth Year

In celebration of its tenth anniversary, the Princeton Latin Academy will stage a two-month series of events, inspired by the Greek myth of the Muses, the nine goddesses who preside over the arts.

The celebration has begun with three dramas performed by children in grades 3-6: Aristophanes' *Plutus*; Euripides' *Alceste*; and Sophocles' *Women of Trochis*.

The celebration will continue through March and April. Events will include the tenth annual opera, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, on March 18-20; and a concert of Baroque music on April 10.

"Renaissance Day" will be observed on April 24, when students will participate in workshops on Renaissance art, music, literature, poetry, dance, theater, and history. All events are open to the public.

The Academy is a co-educational day school, which offers grades K-8. It was founded by Francesco Perrulli, who is the headmaster.

Recreation Dept Plans Trip for Kids, March 13

The Princeton Recreation Department has planned a full day of activities for elementary school children (grades 1 to 5) for Friday, March 13, when the Regional Schools will be closed for teacher in-service training. Parents and/or guardians are

also welcome to attend.

The day will begin at 8, with a short bus trip to the Greatest Show on Earth, Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Meadowlands Arena. The group will participate in the pre-circus hands-on experience where participants get a chance to live their performing fantasies.

After the circus, the group will head over to the Liberty Science Center to see the 3-D Laser Show and the award-winning IMAX film, *Alaska*.

Pack a lunch to eat at the Science Center, or purchase it there. Return to Princeton is scheduled for about 5.

Registration forms are now available at the Princeton Recreation Department office. For more information, call 921-9480.

Tibetan Film/Food Festival Planned at Nassau Church

The Princeton Area Friends of Tibet will hold their second annual Tibetan Film and Food Festival on Friday, March 13, from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Nassau Presbyterian Church. Admission is \$5.

Two 50-minute films, *Tontrö of Gyoto* and *Red Flog Over Tibet*, will be shown. A discussion will follow, with a representative from the Office of Tibet invited to answer questions. Indian and Tibetan refreshments will be sold, and a hand-made Tibetan wool rug will be raffled.

All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Jam-pang Children's Refugee Center in Pokhara, Nepal,

and the Siddhartha School for Tibetan children, in Ladakh.

Tantra of Gyoto features Buddhist ceremonies introduced by the Dalai Lama, Tantric rites, chanting, lama dances, and historical footage — with powerful images of sacred art woven throughout. *Red Flog Over Tibet* is a documentary on the current political situation.

The Film Fest commemorates the anniversary of the March 10, 1959 Tibetan people's uprising against Communist rule. It was at this time that the Dalai Lama fled into exile in India, followed by 100,000 of his supporters. Currently, approximately 200 people per month make the dangerous trek to escape the brutal regime.

The goal of PAFT is to promote awareness of Tibet's threatened culture. Since the invasion and occupation of Tibet by China, more than one million Tibetans have been killed, thousands of monasteries destroyed, and Tibetan arts, language, and culture suppressed. Massive ecological destruction and severe religious persecution are common in Tibet under Chinese rule.

PAFT meetings, which are open to the public, are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Nassau Presbyterian Church. For information, call 497-4615.

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Brush Pickup

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"Maybe we shouldn't provide this service," mulled William Slover. "Basically the larger the property you have, the more valuable the service. It's reverse income distribution."

"There will be dissatisfaction in all parts of town," cautioned Borough Administrator Thomas Shannon, who repeated his request for a garbage truck.

A "bite the bullet" approach was taken by Mr. Freda, who urged Council to "look at the budget increase we're facing."

Cutback in Services

The time has finally come, he said, when Council has to decide which services have to be cut back. "We don't have the tax base to provide all those services. What's the point of providing a Cadillac of services if half the people have to leave town?"

In addition to the capital expenditure for a new truck, brush pickup costs the Borough \$30,000 a year in salaries, estimated Mr. Peters. It requires the labor of two workers three or four days a week for seven months of the year.

Having determined brush pickup must go, Council members now began to debate the question of how residents could get rid of their brush. One possible solution would be taking it to the River Road facility. Difficulties here include the need to purchase a permit from Borough Hall and the limited hours of the facility. It is open only Saturdays and Mondays.

A second possibility would be to have residents cart their brush to the Lawrence Township Ecological Center. This is on Princeton Pike, about a mile south of Province Line Road.

For the past several years, the site has been home to a tub grinder purchased jointly by Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, and Lawrence Township. This is used to grind down brush.



SUPPORT FOR YWCA PROGRAMS: Christina Kales, YWCA Princeton executive director, left, received a \$25,000 check from Patricia Burch Byers, vice president, Summit Bank, Trustee of the Fred C. Rummel Foundation. The Foundation provided the grant to support the YW's Multicultural Child Care Center and its Family Literacy Initiative.

In addition, Council could decide to revive the once- or twice-yearly curbside brush pickup that ceased about 14 years ago. It ended when the Borough's waste hauler began curbside brush collection.

The Borough's Public Works Committee was charged with coming up with a solution to the problem.

New Radio System

In other business, Council agreed to spend close to \$50,000 to replace the Police Department's current VHF radio system with a UHF band.

Council's readiness to approve the expenditure might have been buttressed by Police Lt. Anthony Federico's comments regarding November 6, 1997, the night of the Sovereign Bank robbery on Nassau Street.

A number of other departments came in to Princeton to help Borough police, including those of West Windsor, Princeton Township, and Plainsboro, said Lt. Federico. "But the fact that Princeton Borough is the only department with VHF and not UHF made it impossible to communicate."

He told of an officer from the West Windsor Police

Department who was stationed at Nassau Street and Washington Road. "In order to reach him, and to ask him to move to a different spot, we had to call the Borough police desk and ask them to call the West Windsor desk to radio the officer to move."

"In order to have mutual aid capabilities, we need UHF," said the lieutenant.

In another recent instance, a call came into Borough police saying that a burglary was in progress at Markham Road. "Once the officer got into the building, which is largely masonry and steel, we lost all radio transmission," said Lt. Federico.

VHF transmission, it appears, is excellent in open spaces where there are no buildings, which hardly describes tightly built-up Princeton Borough.

"In order to penetrate structures, you have to go to UHF," said Lt. Federico, who hopes the new system will be in operation by the end of the year. —Myrna K. Bearse

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Personnel/Policy/ Legislation Committee. He was active on the district's Educational Technology Task Force, which involved community, staff, and board members; and he was a founding member of the Minority Education Committee, which he co-chaired last year and on which he remains active.

Mr. Tieger is the board's representative to the high school PTO; and he chairs the board team negotiating with the district's support staff union.

He wants to serve a second term, he said, because he feels there is a lot of "unfinished business" to complete; and he has many supporters who have encouraged him to run again. He feels his ability to communicate with everyone can help bring the district together.

Mr. Wainer is employed as principal research scientist at Educational Testing Service. He has taught at the University of Chicago and did policy research in Washington during the Carter administration. He lived in Princeton in the 1960s, when he was a graduate student at the University; in 1980, he returned and has lived in the Township since. His son is a freshman at Princeton High School.

In a letter to TOWN TOPICS, published today, Mr. Wainer writes, "As an educational researcher, statistician, teacher and parent I believe that I can make a significant contribution to the board's ability to analyze and effectively communicate the complex issues facing us."

He adds that members of the school board have an obligation to seek community input and to be directly accountable to the community for their actions.

Ms. Bialek describes herself as a "full-time mother." She is co-president of the Community Park parent/teacher organization and president of an investment club that has been active for four years.

She is experienced in organizing volunteers for various causes and has been active in PTO projects and district art projects.

Pointing out that the Regional Schools serve a very diverse student population, she stresses the importance of analyzing the needs of every child and improving educational opportunities for all. "We must ... be satisfied only when every student experiences the joy of learning in a community of learners," she states in today's Town Topics' Mailbox.

TOWN TOPICS will publish an-depth interview with each candidate next month, shortly before the April 21 school board election.

In the Borough

Borough board member Steven Carson will not be running for re-election when he completes his term in April. The two Borough residents seeking to take his place are Pierina Thayer and Walter Frank.

Ms. Thayer grew up in Princeton and is a graduate of Princeton High School. Her children have also been educated in the Princeton Regional Schools; one is currently a high school student.

Ms. Thayer is active in municipal government, as a member of the Affordable Housing Board. She runs a non-profit social services consulting firm and is the former executive director of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

Ms. Thayer expresses herself as "deeply concerned" about the quality of life in the Borough in the face of rapidly escalating costs. She is concerned as well about an escalating school budget and suggests increasing the development of community resources as the district "doggedly persists" in efforts to insure that all children in the system continue to progress.

Mr. Frank, an attorney with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey,

has lived in the Borough for 12 years. His children attend Princeton Regional schools.

He feels his experience with dispute resolution might prove useful on the school board, where differences have, at times, made action difficult. In a recent letter to Town Topics, he wrote, "Differences can be healthy, but only if discussed constructively and with mutual respect."

An effective learning environment, he declared, is dependent upon valuing teachers and students, while holding both accountable. It is imperative that the board develop an "overall vision" for the district and support its superintendent in implementing that vision, he believes. The next superintendent must have the united support of board and community, he adds.

—Anne Rivera

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Rummel Foundation Donates to YWCA

The Fred C. Rummel Foundation, Summit, has granted \$25,000 to the YWCA Princeton to be available to the organization over a period of two years. The grant will benefit the Multicultural Child Care Center and the Family Literacy Initiative, a new program that works with the parents of the YWCA non-English speaking students under the motto "Teach the parent, to reach the child."

The Fred C. Rummel Foundation is a perpetual private foundation that provides grants to organizations for human service activities with charitable, scientific or educational purposes, focusing on the needs of youth, elderly people and children with disabilities. The grant given to the YWCA represents the first

Summer Youth Camp Open House March 8

A summer youth camp open house for summer programs at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, will be held in Conference Room A of the Administration Building on Sunday, March 8 from noon to 2 p.m. Come and meet the camp directors; learn about the programs, trips and activities; have your questions answered; tour the facilities; register early; and enter a drawing for a special prize.

For more information, call Sharan Vlasac, director of Youth and Special programs, at 586-4800, ext. 3765 or e-mail her at vlascas@mccc.edu.

The Family Literacy Initiative focuses on the correlation between parents' educational levels and their children's, aiming at improving parents' literacy levels.

This project responds directly to a growing need in our community: that of providing a social structure that allows children of non-English speaking, low-literate, immigrant parents and their families to integrate in society quickly and successfully.

Open House on March 7 At the Waldorf School

The Waldorf School of Princeton will host an open house on Saturday, March 7 at its main campus, 1062 Cherry Hill Road. The school invites all interested families and friends to learn more about Waldorf education and the school's program for Nursery-Kindergarten through Grade 8.

contribution by the Rummel Foundation in the Princeton area.

Since 1995, the YWCA Princeton has successfully operated a Multicultural Child-Care Center that prepares non-English speaking children for kindergarten in the Princeton Regional Schools. Thirty-six children are presently enrolled in the program. Last year a first class of 14 kindergarten students entered the Princeton Regional schools fluent in English with appropriate reading-readiness skills. In many cases, the parents of these children are illiterate in English, and sometimes also in their own language, and do not have the tools to help their children succeed in school.

The YWCA has inaugurated a new program that works directly with the parents of these children, assisting them in learning the English language skills they need to support their children's education at home, providing them with social and cultural support to become familiar with the school system, and putting them in contact with other non-English speaking parents who find themselves in a similar situation.

"A Morning In The Nursery-Kindergarten" a special "hands-on" participatory open house for parents and their young children, is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 and again from 1 to 2:30. Reservations for this open house are requested.

The curriculum from first through eighth grade, will be featured at the open house beginning at 1. There will also be a presentation on "The Artful Curriculum: Preparing Adolescents for the Storms of Life."

For further information call the school office at 466-1970.

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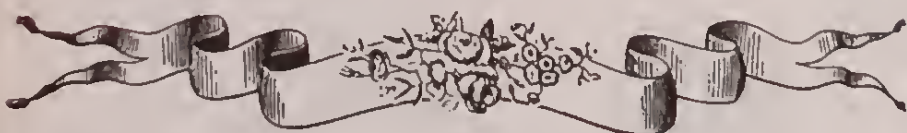
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Engagements and Weddings

Engagements

Betterton-Girvan. Ann Betterton, daughter of Don and Pamela Betterton, Merion Place, Lawrenceville, to Craig Girvan, son of Robert and Carroll Girvan, Clarion, Pa.

Ms. Betterton is a 1993 graduate of Duke University. She is employed as the recruitment director for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Mr. Girvan received a B.A. degree from Duke University and his M.A. degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a social studies teacher and wrestling coach at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

The couple plans a summer wedding.

Friedlander-Landau. Elona Friedlander, daughter of Lawrence and Sheila Friedlander, Shaker Heights, Ohio, to Stephen Landau, son of Michael and Mimi Landau, Patton Avenue.

Ms. Friedlander received her B.A. degree in English from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is employed by the Northern Ohio Chapter of the March of Dimes.

Mr. Landau earned his bachelor's degree in mass communication from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He is pursuing post-graduate studies at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. He works as a graphic designer in Cleveland.

A July wedding is planned.

Abernathy-Jones. Emily Waring Abernathy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Abernathy Jr., Constitution Hill, to David George Jones Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. David G. Jones, Allentown, Pa.

Ms. Abernathy attended Stuart Country Day School and graduated from The Lawrenceville School in 1991. She is a 1995 graduate of Dartmouth College and

is presently a student at Parsons School of Design in New York City.

Mr. Jones is a 1995 graduate of Dartmouth College. He is a consultant with APM, Inc., healthcare consultants, in New York.

The couple plans a December wedding.

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Candidate's Re-Election to Emphasize Hiring a Superintendent With Vision

To the Editor of Town Topics:

With this letter I announce my candidacy for re-election to the Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education representing Princeton Township. I would like to thank the Princeton community for the opportunity I have had to serve the children and the taxpayers. My reasons for running again are the same as the last time: I care deeply about our children, their education and our community.

I have worked hard for our children and our district and I have been able to achieve much during my three years in office. I have focused on two main areas — the educational program and budget savings.

Some of the educational committees I have worked on include: educational technology, where my own professional skills have allowed me to contribute to building a state-of-the-art infrastructure and curriculum while controlling costs; minority education, where we have evolved a unique partnership with the community for keeping the district informed and committed to our minority students' needs for excellence; program committee, where educational program issues are reviewed; and personnel and policy, which I now chair.

As a taxpayer of modest means, I feel it is important to get the most for our tax dollars. When I took office three years ago, I suggested that we could immediately save \$500,000 with careful cuts in administration and then use these funds to support the educational program in the classroom. Some claimed this was impossible.

But when we hired Dr. Swirsky as our Business Administrator and directed him to examine the issues, he was able to achieve the goals I had suggested and more. As a result, during my term in office, our administrative savings have reached over \$2.5 million, and we are now more focused and effective. I will continue to examine the budget to ensure that we are getting our money's worth while preserving our educational program.

I voted to accept the resignation of Dr. Bossart because of a crisis in leadership that was affecting our children and the ability of our staff to deliver a quality education. As a Board member entrusted with oversight of the district, I could not ignore the obvious dysfunction in the system.

Nine members of the Board agreed, for various reasons, to accept the resignation, all things considered. It is a shame that the true costs of the settlement have been distorted and politicized for narrow purposes by some in the community. But I know from the many calls I have received that my actions are supported by the vast majority of parents who, like me, want the district to move forward.

Our next challenge will be that of hiring a new superintendent with the right qualities for Princeton. We need a true leader with an educational vision, who is knowledgeable about current research in educational practices in the classroom, and who is able to work with our staff to achieve lasting change. We also need a leader who cares about children and is willing to learn about our town and participate in a democratic dialogue with us about our educational values. I believe it is possible to work with parents, staff, high school students, and community members to achieve a consensus and find a superintendent who will both inspire and unite us.

TODD TIEGER

Princeton Township Candidate

Zoning Board Acquiesces to Hospital On Scheduling Harris Road Hearings

To the Editor of Town Topics:

I was one of the many local people who attended the meeting of the Zoning Board on February 25, that was supposed to deal with Princeton Medical Center's application for a change of use variance for the former homes on Harris Road.

I left that meeting feeling angry with the hospital and betrayed by the zoning board for their treatment of the objectors to this application. I was not surprised by the hospital's position which is consistent with its normal "screw you" attitude to its neighbors. I was however, shocked that the Zoning Board showed absolutely no regard for the other side in this affair, with its total succumbing to only the hospital's scheduling needs for future meetings on this issue.

Some questions for the Zoning Board.

When did the board know that the hospital was not in a position to present its case and why were the public not informed in a timely manner?

Can the board guarantee that the hospital will have its witnesses available for the next scheduled meeting or will the board allow the hospital to stall further?

Did the board for one moment think of the impact that these unnecessary delays have on the people on Harris Road who may wish to sell their homes in the next few weeks or months? I do not think so.

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Next Time, Let's Not Vote for an "Issue" But for Candidates Who Can Cooperate

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

I'd like to offer the following thoughts before the next schoolboard election. Like many other voters, in the last election I voted for an "issue" not a person. I voted first and foremost for my particular beliefs regarding what constituted a quality education for my children and, oh yes, assumed the candidate espousing these beliefs would be able and fit for public office.

Unfortunately, this has resulted in a board motivated by dogma, dominated by bullies, whose perspective seems to be that now the District has been "purged" of all wrong-headed educators, the business of running the schools can begin.

Next time, let's vote for a board that can work with an administration, any administration, and respect our hard-earned tax dollars. Let's not vote for abstract issues but demand practical solutions for this dysfunctional Princeton school board.

Some specific suggestions:

1) Survey other school districts with reputations for high standards, good fiscal management and more important, harmonious relations between administrations and school boards. What do they do differently? How is the charter of the Board defined in those districts? What are they empowered to do? What decisions do they involve themselves in?

2) Demand proof from School Board candidates, based on past performance, of their ability to manage and achieve objectives when working as part of a group, particularly groups with diverse agendas such as the Princeton Regional School Board.

3) Do not demand a "loyalty" oath from candidates; e.g. don't accept or reject a candidate based on a "correct" educational philosophy. Let's elect managers and teambuilders — not one-issue zealots.

Good team-work, good management will improve the quality of our children's education far more than any dogma: in pursuit of their dogma this current fractious board has impoverished our programs and polarized the community.

P.S. I invite anyone with a vested interest in the future of Princeton schools to watch the televised proceedings of the Board. I did a couple of weeks ago and had a rude awakening. Comparisons to Orwell's *Animal Farm* come to mind. I saw the Chairman of the school board proceedings, Jack Marrero, alternate between haranguing the audience with declarations of his love of America, the flag, the democratic process — apropos of nothing — and then trying to gag a critic by yelling into his microphone, in a childish sing-song chant "You're lying, you're lying, you're lying" as a board member calmly tried to speak.

AMY FERSHKO ELLIS
Wittmer Court

Charter School and Public Schools Can Coexist and Both Succeed

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

I would like to publicly thank the many parents who have called, written and come up to me to thank me for my recent letter [in support of the school board] published in the local newspapers [TOWN TOPICS, February 18]. While it didn't surprise me that the dozens of parents with whom I work daily to make Community Park School everything it can be, would be supportive, I was overwhelmed by the response from the community at large. Parents I have never met called me on the phone, wrote letters and shook my hand. I am so very proud that we live in a community where the majority of the School Board, the teachers, the principals and the parents work so hard together to speak their minds, to learn all they can about children and education, to show their love for the growing minds for whom we are responsible.

Of course, there will always be people who feel differently about what is right for children and some of these people are even parents who live here in Princeton. And I am proud that these people feel comfortable with their beliefs and values and are willing and able to share them publicly in the newspaper, at School Board meetings and at PTO gatherings. The School Board is not currently all of one mind and even after this Spring's elections, there will probably still be one or two members who embrace a different approach.

In fact, this community has the rare opportunity of having an alternative public (Charter) school, an opportunity for those who see things differently to have their children schooled differently. The Charter School is a very real part of Princeton. No matter whom we vote for in School Board elections, no matter how we feel about the school budget and its components, the Charter School will exist and it will grow to include as many students as there are parents who wish that kind of schooling for their children.

Perhaps in the future a natural gravitation will occur. Those of us who feel comfortable with the path the School Board, the new Assistant Superintendent, the teachers, the principals and their supportive parents have taken, should embrace the Princeton Regional School and work for its success. Those who feel differently, should embrace the Charter Schools and work for its success. And each group will leave the other to succeed and enjoy their success unfettered. No more criticizing the other's philosophies, no more blaming for financial woes.

Personally, I would never have suggested the public funding of two parallel school systems. But whether we wish it or not, there are now two, and our schools and the school budget are taking heat that can only hurt our children. Perhaps letting a natural gravitation occur without resistance will allow us all to move forward and will be the best for our children.

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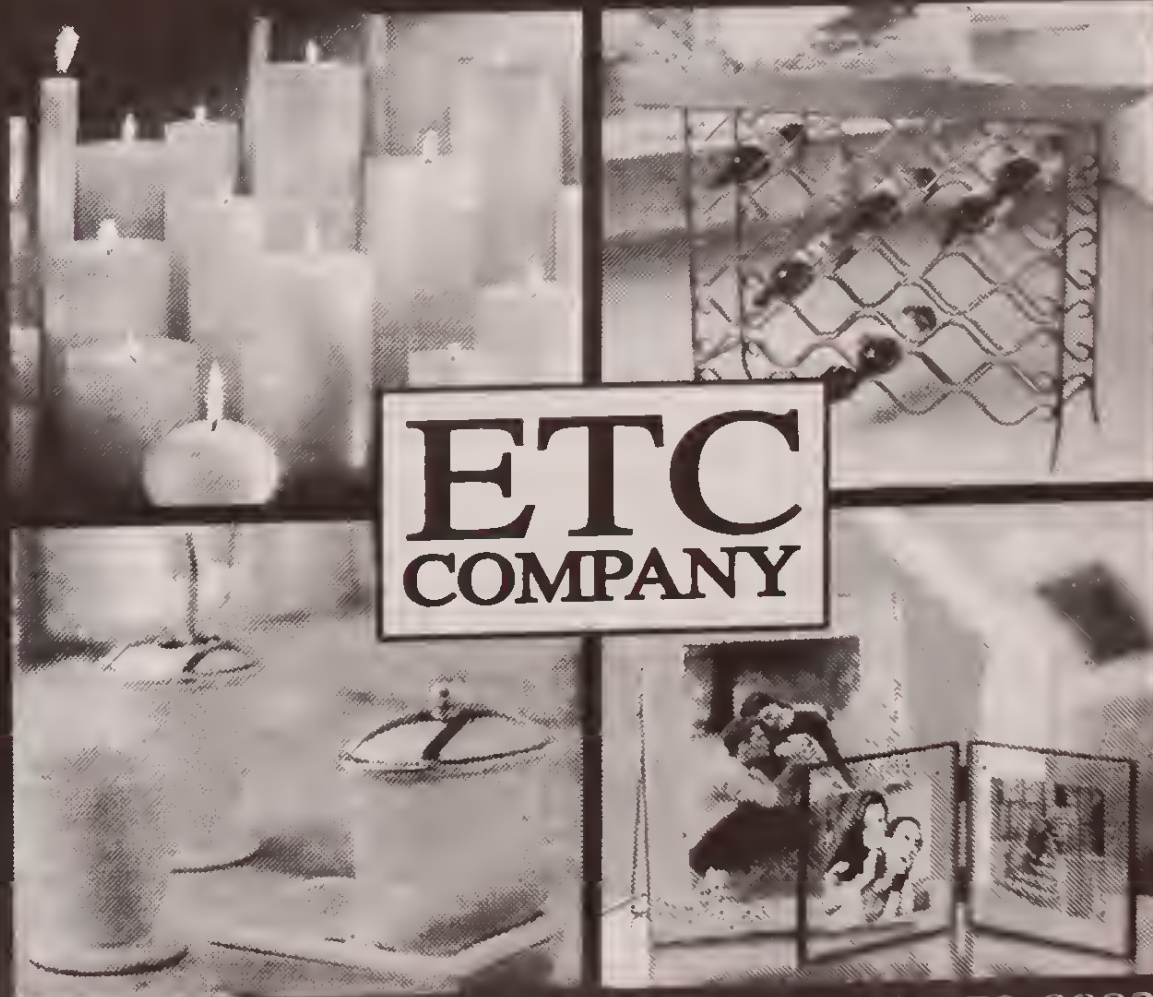
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Stop Blaming Princeton University For the Borough's Money Problems

To the Editor of Town Topics:

As someone who has worked and volunteered in the Borough all of my adult life, including a term as a Borough Councilman, I would like to make three points about the parking meter issue in Princeton Borough.

- 1) People should stop blaming the University for the town's money problems, because the University does a tremendous amount for this town.
- 2) The rates should not be increased — just the hours extended.
- 3) Merchants must do more to get their employees to park outside of the Central Business District.

It just boils my blood to hear people say that if the University "did more," the Borough's problems would be solved. No one does more than the University. Yes, some of its land is tax-exempt, but it is the largest taxpayer in the Borough paying \$1.5 million in taxes — and another million in sewer taxes. School District officials tell me the University pays full taxes on all the properties that produce kids in the public schools. The University maintains its own roads — which all the townspeople use.

Plus the University gives all sorts of cash gifts every year: \$130,000 (this amount goes up each year) to the Borough, \$28,000 per year to the Rescue Squad, \$5,000 per year to the Fire Department, thousands of dollars every year supporting community facilities like McCarter, and countless other major gifts, such as \$100,000 to the Arts Council, hundreds of thousands to affordable housing, and thousands of dollars in first aid/fire equipment. And it always bails out the Borough and saves the town loads of money.

When the Township kicked the Borough out of its fueling facility, the University came to the rescue. When no one would allow Fourth of July fireworks on its property, the University came to the rescue. When the schools and library and municipal building needed Internet connections, the University came to the rescue. When the Borough needed space for its meetings during the upcoming Borough Hall renovation, the University came to the rescue. When the kids needed recreation facilities, the University came to the rescue. When the town needed more weekend and night parking, the University came to the rescue by offering certain of its lots at no cost. I could go on and on and on.

I am in favor of extending the meter hours to Sundays and early evening, because the Sunday and nighttime businesses should pick up their fair share of the increased police expenses that have come about because of how busy the town is at these times.

Merchants have got to get their employees to park outside of the Central Business District. When we bagged the meters at Christmas time, many of the cars at the meters stayed there all day. These cars belonged mostly to employees. The University at one time offered its Jadwin lot for off-site shuttle parking. Maybe we can get that going again.

Let's work together, not at odds with one another, when finding solutions to the parking space and parking meter issues.

RAY WADSWORTH
Spruce Street

Our Community Should Come Together To Improve Athletic Fields for Our Kids

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Community Park athletic fields should be improved for the four sports groups that currently play there. Those groups are soccer, girls softball, adult softball and Little League baseball. The Community park athletic fields are operating at full capacity and there is not enough field space for all four groups to run full programs.

At one corner of the field a fenced in girls softball field with dugouts, lights, refreshment stand, and bathrooms, should be constructed. The other three softball fields should be improved with soccer field overlays and lights. For adult softball, a home run fence, which does not interfere with the soccer field overlays, should be constructed on one softball field.

The girls softball groups include the high school and middle school programs with about 90 girls. Little League also has a girls softball program with about 90 girls. Because the current softball fields are unsuitable, the high school and middle school programs must schedule all of their games away from Princeton. Princeton cannot host any home games for girls softball. Where is our civic pride? The fenced in girls softball field could also be shared by Little League baseball program for boys and girls, because the field would meet Little League baseball dimensions.

Installing lights on the other three softball fields would double the existing field space for both softball and soccer. The adult softball programs would be able to schedule two games every evening, instead of one. Soccer, which has the longest season, and plays when it gets darker much earlier than softball and Little League baseball, would be able to schedule many more games and practices.

Relocating the proposed Barbara Smoyer baseball field to Community Park is not feasible. It would eliminate two softball fields and severely restrict soccer play. If two softball fields were built at Barbara Smoyer Park, one would have to be fenced in with dugouts. The girls softball program needs a fenced in field with dugouts. A refreshment stand and lights are more important to Little League baseball and the Little League girls softball program, than to Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball, because the programs are much larger, game attendance is higher, and the children are younger.

Princeton has very substandard athletic facilities for its children: the worst baseball, softball and soccer facilities in the state, no swimming pool at the high school. The parents are not interested in pointing the blame at any one governmental body, e.g., Board of Education, Township Committee or Borough Council, Recreation Department, etc. The parents want improvements. Let's get together as a community and do it.

JAMES F. MAHON, JR.
Herrontown Road

As Princeton Township Becomes Built Out Our Need for Recreation Facilities Increases

To the Editor of Town Topics:

I have received a letter asking me to write to Mayor Marchand in support of extensive use of the new Lisa McGraw Indoor skating rink located at Princeton Day School. My children, my wife and I have all participated in and benefited from the Princeton Skating Club and the Nassau Hockey League which are based there, and we wholeheartedly support maximum community access to this facility which Ms. McGraw and PDS have generously made available.

At the same time, I am asked by members of our community to appear at public meetings to support the baseball field proposed for the new park at Weller Farm. Again, I wholeheartedly support this facility as filling a great need for common recreational space in our town.

I am surprised that these projects attract as much controversy as they do. The Township of Princeton is being built out. Land for recreational facilities becomes increasingly limited, as we continue to grow the population which needs them. At the same time, non-profit institutions which have shared their facilities with our community become less able to do so because of their own increasing needs.

Traditionally, sports programs, formal and informal, have served as the pot in which collections of diverse individuals melt into a community. Turn of the century baseball has been described this way, using terms which now would be considered politically incorrect. While complexions and native tongues may be different, this process should and does continue into the present.

Princeton lags behind neighboring towns in providing recreational facilities. What we have instead is an atmosphere in which our school district is expected to address many problems of modern society and simultaneously to provide a first class education to every student. Recent public discussion calls for the schools to teach "important social skills" and "community collaboration."

Instead of placing additional burdens on our teachers to distract them from the fundamental mission of education, our energies will be better spent building and using a baseball field, a skating rink, and similar facilities for our children and ourselves. Through these activities, we create the community for our children to participate in.

Denial of these needed and desired facilities will only be the denial of our community with each other.

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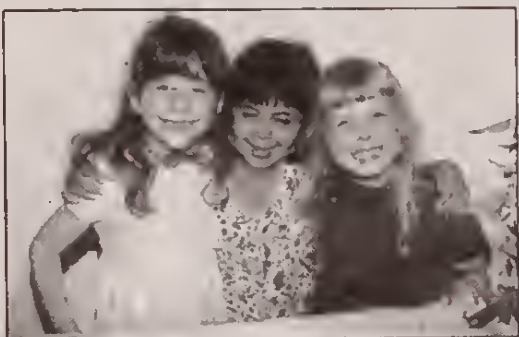
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Future Challenges to School District Prompts Resident to Run for Office

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

I am writing to introduce myself as a Princeton Township candidate for the Board of Education. As a member, I would work closely with the public, the Board, and the staff to: find an excellent superintendent with whom the administration, staff, and present and future boards can work; negotiate a teachers' contract with respect for taxpayers, teachers and students; and identify and resolve pressing educational issues in view of ever increasing demands on our budget.

I am a full-time mother and am currently the co-president of the parent/teacher organization at one of the elementary schools as well as the president of an investment club in operation for the past four years. I have managed small businesses and have used this experience organizing volunteer efforts over the last seven years. For example, as co-founder and director of an after school clubs program (1992-95), I organized dozens of volunteers who developed and taught weekly short courses for elementary school children.

My education in design and engineering served me well while chairman of our school's playground committee (1996-97). I helped initiate safety analyses and improvements on the existing playground and contributed to the design and acquisition of new pieces of equipment. In this effort, I worked closely with school staff and the District administration, as well as with parents and students.

As an artist I have worked with some of the District's art teachers on a number of activities. In 1992, I brought 40 artists to one of our schools to work with nearly 400 students making a large mural that illustrated the curriculum being taught at the time.

I have learned that these kinds of community based projects can, at very low cost, add much to even the best of the regular programs offered in our schools. However, our District's programs face many challenges. Our administrative budget has been squeezed as far as it can be, and in the future we will be faced with cutting our program budgets as well. I look at this as an opportunity to examine all of our goals together, not as ever longer lists of programs and requirements, but as an integrated whole.

Even without the budget squeeze, we need to look carefully at how these programs serve our children. We have large numbers of gifted children, underachieving children, minority children, and children who succeed by supplementing their education outside of school, all of whom could be better served by our district. We must establish the means to analyze their needs, and we must use the opportunities presented us in the next few years to improve the education we provide them. We must measure our success as if each individual student were our own child, and be satisfied only when every student experiences the joy of learning in a community of learners.

CHARLOTTE BIALEK
Township Candidate
Jefferson Road

With Woolworth's & Nature Company Gone There Is No Place in Princeton for Children

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

We hope Halo Pub won't go out. We're very sad that all these nice little shops have gone out. When we needed a telephone cord we could just walk to Woolworth's to get the little things we needed. We hope Princeton does not turn into a big mall. We don't want all the little shops to turn into these big sporting stores.

We don't want Princeton to go out or we'll have to drive to Route 1 for everything! If all the little stores go out there won't be any places to walk to. Since the Nature Company went, there are no places for children to go in Princeton. We liked Princeton because it was a fun place, but the fun places go out; and the Nature Company was a fun place to stop.

If all these big junk stores come in there won't be any little stores left. I would like these little stores back. We used to walk to Woolworth's and the Nature Company, now they're all gone. We live in Princeton and want it to stop.

CHRIS (8), BRIAN (7), RACHEL (6), & ALEX (5) WRIGHT
Green Street

There Is No Cabal on the School Board, Just Members Representing Many Views

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

As an individual member of the Princeton Board of Education I have been quite baffled by the letter writers who attribute board actions to one or two board members. Any board action or inaction is the responsibility of a board majority. One or two or even three board members out of ten do not a majority make. Any board member who has been on the short end of an 8 to 2 vote knows that he or she is not controlling the board at that moment.

Some writers have even gone as far as to imagine a "cabal" made up of a board minority that somehow runs the district. There may be cabals somewhere in the world, but not on Princeton's School Board. The board is made up of 10 members who, by their election, represent the various views of our diverse community. The fact that some board members agree on any particular issue is no sign of conspiracy. In fact, agreement by a board majority is what allows the board to function.

The opinions expressed in this letter are mine alone and are not intended to represent the opinion of the board as a whole or of any majority, minority or other individual member thereof.

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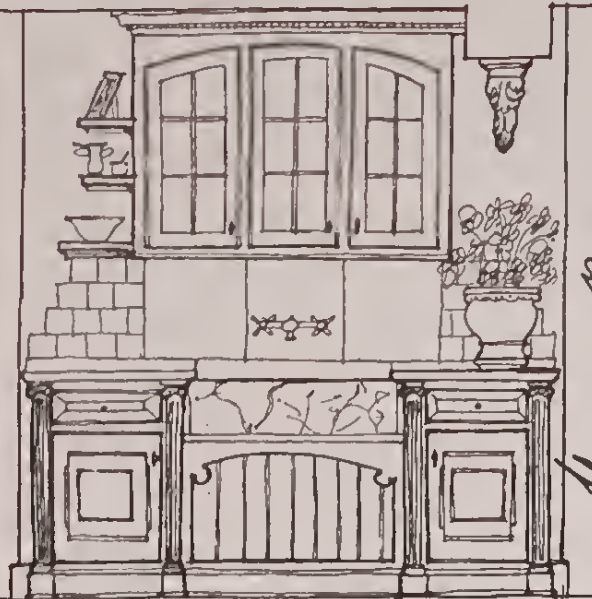
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How Will Shoppers Be Affected By Raising Parking Meter Rates?

To the Editor of Town Topics:

It never ceases to amaze me the degree to which elected officials forget the reason that they were elected. It also further amazes me when they use experts to justify their faulty judgment. Once again meter revenues have become the issue. The Mayor feels that it would be a prudent and wise decision to both expand meter hours as well as raising the rates. It seems the Borough could use the money raised from meter revenues to help bail out shortfalls in the budget. Seems pretty straightforward and sensible ... well at least it is easy!

Let us also not forget the grand business acumen the Mayor and Council have used in the past ... like selling a firehouse at fire sale prices instead of keeping the property and long-term leasing it out. That would have kept the valuable real estate on the Borough's list of assets, and produce income that would in the long term produce revenue.

Let me stick to the issue currently at hand. We merchants here in Princeton spend millions of dollars on advertising to attract people to come to Princeton. Those fine people in turn put money into meters, which goes directly to the Borough. The Borough does nothing to generate the revenue. It simply collects it. No service is supplied by the Borough to either the shoppers or the merchants. Snow (remember snow?) isn't even removed from around the meters when it is pushed there by the State when they plow Nassau Street (another service the Borough doesn't supply the merchants).

The rationale for raising rates is that they haven't been raised in several years. This is where the "expert" really earns his keep! Open your eyes. Do we have more or fewer original stores here in town? How many Mom and Pop stores have closed? How many stores have closed, of any type? How would raised meter rates affect stores or those who come to Princeton to shop? Has anyone taken a survey? Do they care?

It also amuses me that the issue of extending the meter hours to Sundays is an absolute taboo. Why? Because of church attendance. Well then have meters after 1 o'clock! If our expert would be consistent with his reasoning that meters should be used when the town is crowded, as it is on Sunday afternoons.

I could go on and on but the combination of the Mayor and Council asking to in effect tax my clients and propose to set up a special tax for the business district is really enraging me. If I kept raising my prices to my clients without increasing services or product value I would be out of business.

What do you, our neighbors, our friends, our clients feel about the raised rates. Please let the Mayor and Council know ... now.

MITCHELL FOREST
Nassau Street

Resident Teachers Strongly Support The Leadership of Swirsky & Ginsberg

To the Editor of Town Topics:

As residents and taxpayers in Princeton Borough and Township, we would like to express a strong vote of confidence in the current leadership of Dr. Daniel Swirsky and Dr. Robert Ginsberg. As teachers and staff members in the Princeton Regional Schools, we are seeing a renewed sense of purpose and dedication among our colleagues. The increase in morale in the district is tangible. Teachers are once more moving enthusiastically toward our common purpose — the education of our students.

Now we have the opportunity to address the qualities previously identified by community and staff which are crucial attributes for success in a superintendent of Princeton Regional Schools. The district will thrive with a leader who has vision, solves problems, sets and achieves goals, communicates effectively with others, and builds a coalition of teachers and community members. We need a leader who will support a rigorous, well-articulated curriculum as well as accountability and professional improvement.

We recognize the importance of balancing fiscal responsibility, student needs, and parent concerns. We believe that the Princeton community, rich in diversity and resources, can achieve this balance. We are confident that the team of Dr. Swirsky and Dr. Ginsberg will provide the leadership we need during this transition.

JEFF LUCKER, Cameron Court, Princeton High School

LINDA ECKERT, Riverside Drive, John Witherspoon

CAROL JACOBS, Valley Road, Community Park School

NANCY SCHREIBER, Valley Road, Johnson Park School

JERE TANNENBAUM, Ewing Street, Littlebrook School

JUDY SCHOENSTEIN, Harriet Drive, Riverside School

(The letter was signed by a total of 56 teachers)

Letters to the Editor

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Renewing Dr. Bossart's Contract Would Have Perpetuated Untenable Situation

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

After an unfortunate delay that raised legitimate tax payer concern, the maximum figure the Princeton Board of Education might have to pay former Superintendent Marcia Bossart has been established as \$216,000. It is important to note that only a fraction of this sum goes beyond what the District has already budgeted or would be owed to Dr. Bossart whenever and however she left the District.

Dr. Bossart received more than half this year's salary for services rendered. She will receive pay for accrued vacation and sick days, but this would be owed to her in any event. Both Acting Superintendent Swirsky and Assistant Superintendent Ginsburg are serving without pay from those budget lines. The \$35,000 left in the Assistant Superintendent line can more than cover the \$29,313 Dr. Bossart will receive this year in "buyout"; that is, direct payment over her budgeted salary.

Because Dr. Bossart's contract required a year's notice on reappointment, provision had to be made for next year. The reorganization bringing Dr. Ginsburg into central administration involved eliminating a budgeted line saving \$70,000. That sum more than covers the final payment the District will owe Dr. Bossart if she accepts a central administration position for next year. Only if she remains on leave next year, will the District have to save or raise \$65,198 in unbudgeted "buyout" money. While not the huge sum loosely tossed about in the press, it still raises the question of why Dr. Bossart should not have served a lame duck year as Superintendent.

Briefly put, this Board inherited an untenable situation. Dr. Bossart was last renewed by a 5 to 4 margin despite overwhelming no confidence votes by District teachers and staff and considerable community opposition. Morale plummeted; educational reform virtually ceased; the Board's efforts to perform its oversight function were frustrated and derided as "micromanagement." Regardless of how this situation developed, to renew Dr. Bossart's contract would have been to perpetuate it. Not to renew, yet demand that she serve during a Superintendent search as if nothing had happened, would have been both divisive and utopian. To compromise by negotiating a settlement while searching for a Superintendent who leads by inspiration, achieves change through cooperation, and works with all segments of our community seems to me the best way out of a bad situation.

Despite letters predicting he would leave if Dr. Bossart was not renewed, Dan Swirsky has stepped in and provided the leadership our District needs. Establishing a positive working environment does not in itself solve problems, but it eases the way. Both in public meetings and in solving problems, Dan Swirsky and Bob Ginsburg have already proven themselves able, open, courteous, and responsive. In the midst of a complex and time consuming budgetary process, their concern that the District do its best by every student has come through loud and clear and that, to me, is a sign of hope.

JEFFREY L. SPEAR
North Harrison Street

Candidate for Township School Board Seat Has Background in Educational Research

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

My name is Howard Wainer and I am running for School Board. In the next few weeks, I hope to familiarize the Princeton community with who I am, why I am running for the school board, and what my views are on some of the important issues that the Princeton Regional Schools will face in the future.

Who am I? I am currently employed as Principal Research Scientist at the Educational Testing Service. I first came to Princeton in 1965 as a graduate student; my affection for Princeton was permanently cemented when my older son was born in Princeton Hospital in January 1968. Though I left Princeton soon thereafter to pursue my career (teaching at the University of Chicago, then doing policy research in Washington during the Carter administration) when, in 1980, the opportunity to return to Princeton arose, I took it and I have lived here ever since.

My work at ETS — though often highly technical — has focused on a variety of topics of relevance to the Princeton Public Schools. Among these are:

- fairness in testing
- the use of technology in testing
- measuring school performance
- interpreting educational indicators
- effectively communicating complex information.

Despite what I have learned as a professional, like all Princeton parents, much of what I know about our school system comes from my own child's experience. My younger son, Sam — now a freshman at Princeton High School — has been in the Princeton school system since kindergarten at Littlebrook. As I have watched his growth — intellectual, social, and physical — I have been left with the overwhelming conviction that he, and his cohorts, have been well served by our schools.

Why am I running for a seat on the school board?

Princeton is a small community and all of us living within it have an obligation to find time to contribute in a more profound way than merely paying our taxes and patronizing local merchants. For years I have been impressed by those who have spent what seemed like endless hours working through the complex issues that are involved in the very important work of educating our children.

As an educational researcher, statistician, teacher and parent I believe that I can make a significant contribution to the board's ability to analyze and effectively communicate the complex issues facing us.

Members of the school board have the obligation to seek community input as well as to be directly accountable to the community for their actions. In the same spirit, if you have any questions about me, or my views, please feel free to ask me directly — either in letter form at my home, 63 Governors Lane, by phone at 497-9186, or (preferably) through e-mail at hwainer@ets.org.

HOWARD WAINER
Governors Lane
Township School Board Candidate

Next School Superintendent Needs to Be Recognized as an Educational Leader

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

One of the most important decisions facing the next Princeton Regional School Board is the selection of a new superintendent. As a candidate for the Board, I would like to share with you some thoughts on that subject.

There is, of course, no one perfect superintendent because every community is different. Princeton is a community where a high value is placed on education. Over the past several years we have seen a series of controversies which have left their mark on the emotions of the community.

Given these facts, I believe that the next superintendent needs to be a person who is recognized by the community as an educational leader — someone whose views will always be respected and one capable of leading and directing the administration and faculty without losing their respect or confidence.

We need a superintendent who cares about developing in our students both self-esteem and discipline and who recognizes that these qualities reinforce, not compete with, each other.

Finally, we need a superintendent who is sympathetic and concerned about the needs of all our students and who is committed to creating a public school community of which all students and parents feel a part.

I am not interested in an educational leader with a fixed ideology and frankly would distrust someone who thinks he or she has all the answers or that leadership is simply a matter of issuing orders.

Finding the right person for a challenging job is never easy; we should move forward expeditiously but carefully and with as much unity and good will as possible. We have a fine acting superintendent in place so it is more important that we get the job done right than that we get it done tomorrow.

We also need to recognize that the success of the next superintendent will depend in part on ourselves. If we are fortunate enough to find a superintendent with the qualities I've described, we need to support that individual. Board members may come and go; the superintendent shouldn't.

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European Art Selection At New Pringle Gallery

Chambers Street, long an important destination for art lovers, has reinforced its position as an art center with the arrival of Pringle International Art Gallery. Just opened in January at 2-4 Chambers (Suite 101, second floor), it features European art, concentrating on a selection from the United Kingdom.

"This is a gallery of contemporary art, including paintings and works on paper — oils, watercolors, and limited edition prints. They are primarily from Europe, with a particular focus on the United Kingdom," explains owner Debbie Pringle. "The styles and mediums vary, and a lot are in

exhibition features the work of six artists, five from the U.K. and one from Belgium.

"Art from the U.K. in general has a big focus on landscapes and the environment," explains Ms. Pringle. "The artists are in touch with light and shadows, climate and weather and how these affect the work they do. Some do pieces showing the effect of light at different times of year, for example.

Drawn to Color

"Scottish artists are especially drawn to color; they really thirst for it. In fact, I represent several Scottish artists who travel to tropical areas for their inspiration.

Among the artists whose work is currently on exhibit is Pip Todd Warmoth, known for his traditional oils in the style of English painters Turner and Constable.

"His work was recently selected by Prince Charles for the Discerning Eye exhibit in London," reports Ms. Pringle.

A different style is evident in the collage pieces of English artist Jenny Hughes, whose own handmade paper is an integral part of the collages.

"There's a lot of delicacy in her work," explains Ms. Pringle. "The pieces here are from her time in Hungary, and focus on the uncertainty of life there. Her subject and use of a variety of mediums combine nostalgia with a very contemporary technique."

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keeping with my personal taste."

Originally from Texas, Ms. Pringle has always been interested in art, and opened the gallery after a change of career.

"I was a mutual fund manager for 20 years," she recalls. "I found the investment field very interesting, but after a while, I felt I needed something more fulfilling personally."

After living in London for five years and working for a merchant bank, she and her husband returned to the U.S., and settled in Princeton.

Bit of a Sabbatical

"I took a bit of a sabbatical," she continues. "I had always loved art and taken art courses. My husband and I went to many galleries and museums, and in London, Robert Fleming & Co., the bank I was with, has one of the largest collections of Scottish art in the world. I became very interested in it, and this was one of the factors that led me into the field.

"Also, I met a number of artists in the U.K., and one in particular asked if I'd consider acting as her agent here. That gave me the impetus to look into it and eventually to open the gallery.

Ms. Pringle adds that she is very pleased with the location for the gallery, which is situated in small and engaging quarters.

As she says, "I really like the space here. It's architecturally interesting, light, and I think a very nice setting for the art."

Ms. Pringle plans to offer shows every four to six weeks, and the current



REFLECTIONS IN COLOR: "We have just opened a new exhibition featuring European artists, which will last through March 28." Debbie Pringle, owner of Pringle International Art Gallery, is shown by George Gilbert's Scottish harbor scene, "The Old Post Office, St. Monans." An acrylic on board, it displays "excellent use of colors reflecting on the water."

Ms. Pringle, who can provide information on the artists, their style and background and what inspired the pieces.

"It's wonderful getting to know the artists and the way they see the world," she says. "I also enjoy knowing the clients and developing relationships with them. They vary a lot. Some are just starting, some are serious collectors. Some just come into browse, and I encourage this.

"My first few sales were to people celebrating their anniversary. In one case, the couple had spent the day in New York at galleries and hadn't

found anything. Then they came and chose something here. It was wonderful!

"I love being surrounded by art," she adds. "It's beautiful and soothing. I continue to find things in the paintings that I didn't see before and discover something different in each piece. What a pleasure! This is why art is so fascinating.

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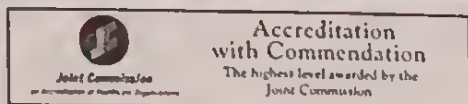


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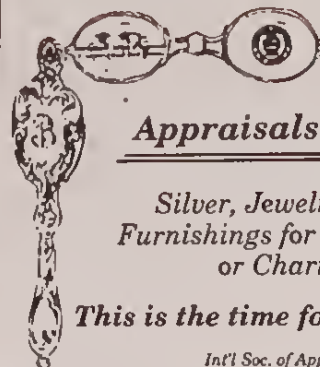
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Opened in 1993, Small World was the first coffee house in town, recalls owner Jessica Durrie. "We were really the first here. We had been involved in a small coffee house in Michigan, and we decided we wanted to have our own place. We just drove around college towns looking for the right spot."

"Princeton seemed to have a nice cross-section of people, including students, professors, and professionals," notes Brent Cosaboom, co-owner and Ms. Durrie's husband, adding that a coffee house offers a nice way for people to get together.

"We provide an environment for people to meet without the pressures of a bar and alcohol. Also, there's no table service here, so people can have control over the length of time they spend. They can relax over coffee and a book, or just come in for take-out. Whatever their choice."

Gathering Place

The concept of Small World as a gathering place especially appeals to Ms. Durrie, who explains that from the beginning the coffee house's success exceeded their expectations.

"It was really wild at first, so many people came, but I have really enjoyed watching it turn into a community center and seeing it being used. I love getting to know the people. We have lots of regulars — they're all ages and types, and we know their names and what they like. Also, lots of groups of people have gotten to know each other here. Now they meet each other for coffee and conversation."

Adds Mr. Cosaboom: "We have a real morning rush, with many local business people taking out coffee, and

then lots of people come in for lunch and sit down with soup and a sandwich. In the late afternoon, we get a lot stopping in for a coffee break. You can always tell when classes are getting out, too, and when University students are taking a break from the library. Also, in the morning the crew team comes in after their workout."

Offering top quality coffee, whether their signature cappuccino, full-flavored house blend, or distinctive espresso, is always the priority at Small World.

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"Our mission is to provide exceptionally fresh, custom-blended, precision roasted coffee," explains Mr. Cosaboom. "The fluctuations of the quality of the coffee gave us the incentive to go into roasting where we could control the freshness and quality of the beans. So in August, we opened our own roasting facility. This is an opportunity for us to expand sales, control the quality of the product, and to keep on learning and develop new blends."

Mr. Cosaboom spent the last three years learning about roasting, and now with partner Jon March, he roasts three times a week at their Belle Mead facility.

So many factors are important in roasting, he adds — the right temperature, air flow, the length of time. All these influence the ultimate flavor and body.

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New Blends

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A PERFECT CUP: "Our specialty is serving the freshest and highest quality coffee. Now we have our own roasting facility so we can offer an even better selection." Brent Cosaboom (left) and Jessica Durrie, owners of Small World Coffee, are shown with partner Jon March, and a sampling of unroasted and roasted coffee beans.

blends, and we've modified the house blend three or four times and made subtle changes. We definitely have more control over the flavor, and we do a lot of tasting!"

Adds Ms. Durrie: "Because we roast three days a week, all our beans are very fresh. Our inventory is never more than four days old."

Along with the coffee, Small World's lively and relaxed atmosphere is another big plus. In addition, coffee aficionados can enjoy live music on Saturday nights, and monthly art shows in the cafe, featuring local artists.

"This month we'll have the work of the mother-daughter team of Susan and Caitlin MacQueen, local artists who work in mixed media," reports Ms. Durrie.

"We think we are set apart

by our attention to detail and our quality product," says Mr. Cosaboom. "Also, we're owner-operated. We're really hands-on."

"I really enjoy making coffee," he adds with a smile. "It's a complicated procedure. But the bottom line is simple. It's flavor. Does it taste good?"

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Stephen Sondheim's "Company" Provides Evening Filled with Laughter, Music and Wry Commentary

An ambitious stretch in both subject matter and style for the combined forces of Princeton University Players and Theatre Intime, Stephen Sondheim's *Company* provides an evening filled with laughter, powerful music and plenty of wry commentary on the human condition.

This provocative 1970 Broadway hit, a milestone in the evolution of the American musical and in the career of Mr. Sondheim, explores the inner and outer worlds of 35-year-old, unmarried Bobby, as he struggles to make sense of his life and his commitments amidst the constant attentions of his friends: five couples and three single women.

The stretch for this talented undergraduate company, currently performing at the Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus, comes in the mature subject matter (this group is at least ten years distant in age from the 30-something characters they play in this show), in the challenging Sondheim music, the ambiguity of theme and tone, and the plotless fragmentation of the show's structure.

Under the capable direction of Princeton University sophomore Katie Pickett, with the talented senior Michael Himelfarb in the leading role, the Intime-PUP ensemble delivers a performance that will appeal not just to Sondheim fans, but to anyone interested in a frank, sometimes troubling, sometimes wildly amusing examination of the difficulties of married life, relationships and making commitments in our contemporary world. Though *Company* was originally very much a New York story and a story of the early seventies, this updated production, set in "Manhattan, Today," rings surprisingly true, fresh and universal to the 1998 ear and eye.

Interwoven Vignettes

Company is a series of interwoven vignettes, seen through Bobby's eyes, starting and ending with the whole group gathered in Bobby's apartment for his surprise birthday party. Bobby does not fit in here. All his best friends are already paired up, for better or for worse, and his three "girlfriends" are all looking for some kind of commitment that Robert is not ready to make. His inability, or unwillingness, to blow out the birthday candles manifests his confusion. He does not even know what to wish for.

The dramatic action, music and dance in this show focus on the vicissitudes of marriage and the mating game, with first-act numbers such as "The Little Things You Do Together," an ironic look at the supposed compatibility of married life; "Sorry-Grateful," three young husbands' reflections on their regrets and their thankfulness for being married; "You Could Drive a Person Crazy," the three girlfriends' thoughts on their relationships with Bobby; "Have I Got a Girl for You," as the five husbands derive much pleasure and vicarious excitement from setting Bobby up ("What do you want to get married for?"); "Someone Is Waiting," as Robert considers his prospects for true love; "Getting Married," as Amy, already in her wedding dress, recites a litany of reasons why she is definitely not getting married; and "Marry



THE WHOLE COMPANY: The cast of "Company," clockwise from left, are Sarah Corey (Marta), Keith Porteous (Sarah), Ted Dorsey (Harry), Taylor Sykes (Susan), Michael Himelfarb (Bobby), Andrew Garland (Peter), Meaghan Hannan (Amy), Jocelyn Hittle (Jenny), Daniel Feyer (Paul), Amanda McCormick (Joanne), Ben Waterhouse (David), Krissy Brault (April), and Mimi Ferraro (Kathy).

Me a Little," where Bobby shows his interest in a limited marriage, but nothing like a lifetime commitment.

"Side by Side by Side" provides a skillfully choreographed show-stopper early in the second act, as a chorus line of husbands and wives, complete with top hats and canes, pays tribute to Bobby — "What would we do without you?" Bobby's presence, however, gives the whole scene a sour, comic irony. He joins the chorus line to turn the notion of togetherness and marital happiness into a mockery.

In the most bitter number of the evening, Joanne (Amanda McCormick), unhappily married, seeking an affair with Robert, offers a half-drunken toast to "The Ladies Who Lunch," a scathing commentary on the current state of Joanne's life and the world she lives in. But as the show and Robert's musings approach their conclusion, he seems to have learned that relationships, flawed though they must be, are a vital part of "Being Alive." Bobby's revelation is not momentous, but he has arrived at the point where he is ready for a true relationship, where, at the end of the show, he can blow out the birthday candles because he finally knows what to wish for.

Thorough Rehearsal

Ms. Pickett, with Krissy Brault as choreographer and Kellie Emzen as musical director, has rehearsed this ensemble thoroughly and effectively. The vocal quality of the 14 performers is consistently high, performing Mr. Sondheim's difficult, unmelodic music and communicating his sophisticated lyrics with clarity, character and style. After a bit of a slow beginning to the first act on opening night, the show moved with speed and precision, one scene flowing smoothly into the next with timing and characterization on target.

In addition to Mr. Sondheim's music and lyrics and
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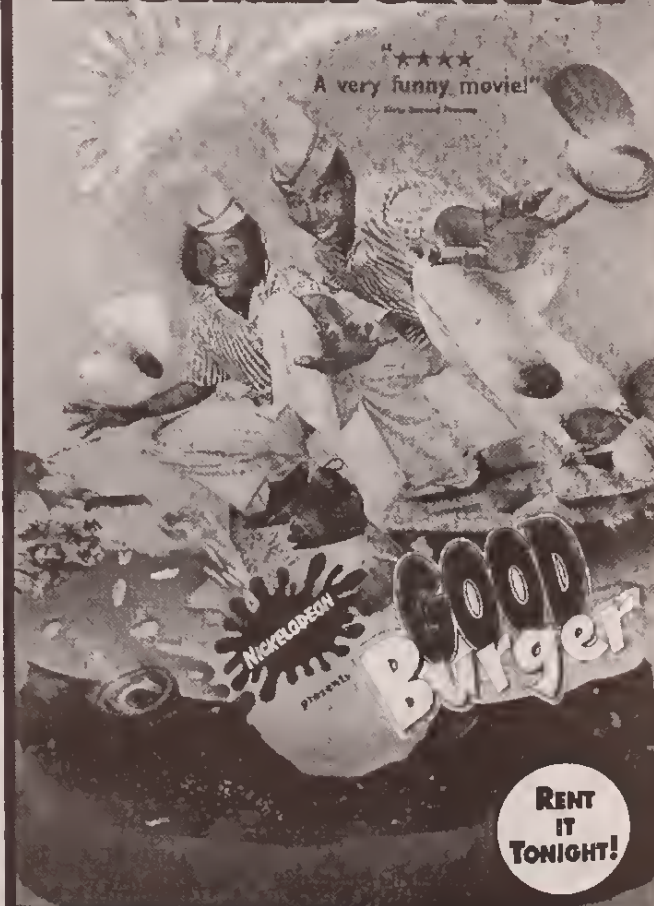
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"Company"

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George Furth's clever, sharply focused book, *Company's* greatest strengths are the depth of characterization and the levels in the relationships among the characters.

This production vividly brings out those levels, as Bobby finds himself both witness to and participant in a surprisingly wide range of human interactions. The actors, for the most part, create interesting, nuanced, three-dimensional characters, with vocal work, acting and choreography all contributing.

Mr. Himelfarb plays Bobby with consistently strong commitment, readily engaging the audience's sympathy. Thin and stylishly appealing in his baggy clothes, he interacts, with high energy and high credibility, with every one of the 13 other characters on stage. He handles the comedy, the choreography and the vocal demands, especially in "Marry Me a Little" and "Being Alive" at the climaxes of each act, with skill and poise.

After Bobby, it is difficult to single out others in this capable, balanced, carefully rehearsed cast. Meaghan Hannan is excellent as the unwilling bride preparing for her wedding. Ms. McCormick provides a strong, harsh presence throughout, and her "The Ladies Who Lunch" is an unsettling tour de force — an impressive stretch to take on the age, life experience and cynicism of the jaded, miserably unhappy Joanne.

Sarah Corey as Bobby's New York-loving girlfriend uses her powerful voice to advantage in her strong solo rendition of "Another Hundred People," and both Mimi Ferraro and Ms. Brault create memorable and contrasting characters as Bobby's other two girlfriends, neither of whom is able to

quite bring him to a point of commitment.

Other members of the "company" that surrounds Bobby and among whom he shapes his life include Keith Porteous and Ted Dorsey, as an idiosyncratic couple with alcohol and eating disorder problems; Taylor Sykes and Andrew Garland, as a couple who find living together divorced much more pleasant than living together married; Jocelyn Hittle and Ben Waterhouse, as a third, mostly dysfunctional, couple, excellent in a humorous marijuana-smoking scene; Daniel Feyer, as Amy's beleaguered husband; and Bill Dederer as the wealthy, well-dressed husband of Joanne.

The 13-piece orchestra, positioned behind a scrim curtain upstage under the direction of senior J. Nick Gelmer, effectively and forcefully presents Mr. Sondheim's music, and coordinates skillfully, unobtrusively when necessary, with the singers.

The set design, by Ms. Pickett in collaboration with Katie Oman, is simple and functional, consisting of two archways plus different pieces of furniture brought rapidly on and off as needed to establish the different locations of the numerous scenes. Sean Garrett-Roe's lighting design serves the production well with its shifting colors to express both different moods of the main character and different modes, from the imagined to the realistic.

—Donald Gilpin

"Company" will run for just one more weekend, this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 5, 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. at the Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus. For reservations, call 258-2255 and, at the prompt, spell P-L-A-Y-E-R-S.

Reading of New Play Planned at Acting Studio

The Princeton University Program in Theater and Dance, in conjunction with the Department of Near Eastern Studies and the Program in Jewish Studies, will present a reading of *Convivencia*, a new play by R.N. Sandberg, on March 11 at 8 p.m. in the Acting Studio at 185 Nassau Street. Admission is free.

Convivencia is a drama set in 1492 as the Spanish are re-conquering Granada from the Muslims. The focus of the play is on three teenagers — one Muslim, one Jewish, one Spanish — and how their lives are turned upside down during the tumultuous time in which the Jews were expelled from Spain and Columbus set out on his historic voyage.

The reading will be directed by Susan Kerner, resident director at the George Street Playhouse, and will feature a cast of professional and student actors. Her most recent production was the acclaimed *Shirley Valentine*. Past shows include *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *Lost in Yonkers*.

R.N. Sandberg is a Program in Theater and Dance faculty member and a

Princeton resident. More than two dozen of his plays have been presented around the country by theaters such as the Dallas Children's Theatre, Fulton Opera House, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Laguna Playhouse, Louisville's Stage One, Nashville Academy Theatre, Pennsylvania Stage Company, Yale Cabaret, and Seattle's Empty Space, Intiman Theatre Company and Seattle Repertory Theatre.

Convivencia was written on a commission from Seattle Children's Theatre. It is the fourth play Mr. Sandberg has written for SCT and is designed for adults as well as children over the age of 10.

Middle Eastern Music To be Heard at Taplin

An evening of Middle Eastern music, with Yair Dalal on oud and violin, will take place Monday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Princeton University.

The event is sponsored by the Near Eastern Studies Department, the Program in Jewish Studies, the Music Department, the Near Eastern Studies Program, the Humanities Council, and the Center for Jewish Life.

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The next production of Princeton High School's Spectacle Theatre will be Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning *Sweeney Todd*.

Performances will take place March 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 at the Princeton High School Theatre. Show time is 7:30, and tickets, at \$7 each, will be sold at the door.

The musical drama, which critics called one of the most beautiful and suspenseful of the 20th century, is a modern opera in form and structure. It has a musical score in which most songs are sung in two, three and even four parts with different tempi.

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Memorial Concert Series
To Present Flauto D'Amore
Flauto D'Amore will perform in recital Saturday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.
The program will explore the music of Georg Philipp Telemann, to be performed on the 317th anniversary of his birth on March 14, 1681. This concert is part of Baroque at Westminster: The Lloyd J. Bronson Memorial Concert Series.
Jay Elfenbein, a composer and performer, plays viols, violone, and double bass, and is founder and director of the Ivory Consort. He has performed in the U.S., Europe, and South America, and has recorded for CBS and Sony Classics.
The public is invited to attend this recital at no charge. For more information call 921-2663. For 24-hour concert information call 219-2001.

Among the selections to be performed are: the Concerto in B Minor for flute, harpsichord and basso continuo; the Methodical Sonata; the Partita in E Minor; and Three Fantasies for harpsichord solo.
Flutist Deborah Booth, who conceived this recital, is a teacher and performer specializing in the music of the 14th through the 18th centuries. She has performed with the Handel-Haydn Society, Princeton Baroque Ensemble, and the Ivory Consort.
Harpsichordist Jocelyn Stewart, a teacher and performer, has received critical acclaim for three solo recitals in Holland, and has played in eight major South American cities as concerto soloist and chamber musician with the Bach Festival Orchestra.
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“Children of Dustbowl”
Is JWMS Production

The John Witherspoon Middle School will present an original documentary drama on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The play was written by drama teacher Linda Marie Coakley and is based on the young people's book of the same name.

Dr. Jerry Stanley of Bakersfield, Calif., wrote of the plight of the Okie children and their migrant parents and the kind, visionary superintendent who organized the building of a school just for them.

Dr. Leo Hart (played by Riverside music teacher Paul Chapin) sought out a dynamic group of California teachers in 1938 and invited them to come and build a school with the Okie children that would offer a “broader and richer curriculum.” This was a monumental project that was accomplished alongside the Federal Emergency Camp at Arvin.

Ms. Coakley tells the story onstage with the songs of Woody Guthrie and the photographs of Walker Evans. A cast and crew of nearly 50 John Witherspoon students, siblings, faculty and parents will bring this revealing period of history to life with props and costumes, including the reproduction of an old jalopy.

The play is suitable for ages 8 and up and the public is welcome free of charge.

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“CHILDREN OF THE DUSTBOWL” is a play about the plight of the children of Oklahoma migrants who came to California during the Great Depression, and of a school official who helped them. It will have two performances at John Witherspoon Middle School, March 5 and 6 at 7:30. Shown, from left, are JWMS students Boris Cramer and Nick Cohn.

Cellist Plans Recital
In Taplin Auditorium

The Friends of Music at Princeton will present a recital by 'cellist John Whitfield on Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. at Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall; collaborating artists will be Sonia Rubinsky, piano, and Robert Osborne, baritone. The program will include works by Felix Mendelssohn, J.S. Bach, Robert Schumann, Harry Partch, Paul Brantley, and Johannes Brahms.

John Whitfield has performed as recitalist and chamber musician across the United States and abroad. He is particularly well-known to Princeton audiences from his regular Friends of Music recitals in past seasons, and

through his frequent appearances with the Richardson Chamber Players, of which he is a founding member.

Currently the 'cellist of the Cygnus Ensemble and Newband, Mr. Whitfield has also appeared with the Lyric Piano Trio, the New York New Music Ensemble, Merkin Hall's Music Today Ensemble,

For the March 8 program, the performers have chosen works ranging from the 17th to the 20th centuries. The concert begins with the Song Without Words in D Major for violoncello and piano, Opus 109, by Felix Mendelssohn, and continues with the Prelude to the Suite in D Major for Unaccompanied Violoncello, BWV 1012, and the Stücke in Volkston for violoncello and piano, Opus

102, of Robert Schumann. Mr. Osborne will join Mr. Whitfield in a performance of five Lyrics of Li Po, composed in 1931 by the iconoclastic American composer and instrument maker Harry Partch.

Following intermission, Mr. Whitfield and Ms. Rubinsky will perform The Silver in Yellow (1994) by Paul Brantley. The program will conclude with the Sonata in F Major for Violoncello and Piano, Opus 99, of Johannes Brahms.

The recital is open to the general public, which is invited to attend without charge. Taplin Auditorium is located in Fine Hall, near the intersection of Washington Road and Ivy Lane.



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FAIRY TALE BROUGHT TO LIFE: Princeton residents featured in Stuart Country Day School's production of "Once Upon a Mattress" include, from left, Anna Pelczer, Summer Headley, Addie Lepore (as the most sensitive of all princesses, Winnifred), Xica Santos, Amanda Innis, Alicia Fruscione and Jessica Noble.

"Global Assembly Line" To Be Screened Here

In celebration of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, the Global Cinema Cafe will present a screening of the Emmy Award-winning docu-

mentary, *The Global Assembly Line*, on Sunday, March 8 at the Third World Center on the corner of Olden Lane and Prospect Avenue. The program will begin at 4 p.m.

Traveling from Tennessee to Mexico's northern border, from Silicon Valley to the Philippines, *The Global Assembly Line* takes viewers inside the global economy. It is a vivid portrayal of the lives of working women and men in the "free trade zones" of developing countries and North America, as U.S. industries close their factories to search the globe for lower-wage workforces.

Filmmaker Lorraine Grey takes a rare look at the people who are making the clothing we wear and the electronics goods we use — as well as the business decisions behind manufacturing — on the global assembly line.

Princeton University professor Patricia Fernandez-Kelly, who co-produced the documentary, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening. Ms. Fernandez-Kelly, who holds a joint position in the Office of Population Research and the Department of Sociology, has conducted extensive research on economic internationalization and women's employment in export-processing zones.

The Global Cinema Cafe is a free monthly series of contemporary films and videos that focus on peace, justice and human rights at home and abroad. Videos are shown in an informal setting with cookies, coffee and tea the second Sunday of every month and are followed by an open discussion. For information call 497-3998.

Westminster Conservatory To Present Faculty Recital

Soprano Nancy Froyland Hoerl and pianist J.J. Penna will perform in recital Sunday, March 8 at 4 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

Entitled "The ABCs of American Art Song," the program will feature Barber's *Hermit Songs*. It will also include works by Rorem, Chanler, Gold, Musto, Holby, Pasatieri, Amlin and Gorelli.

Admission to this recital is \$5. For information call 921-2663. For 24-hour concert information call 219-2001.

"Once Upon a Mattress" Due at Stuart Country Day

The Upper School at Stuart Country Day School will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Once Upon a Mattress* in Stuart Little Theatre on Thursday through Saturday, March 5 to 7.

Once Upon A Mattress is a fun, family musical based upon the fairy tale *The Princess and the Peo*, about the search for the perfect, sensible wife for a prince.

The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday (\$5/students, \$7/adults) and 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday (\$6/student, \$8/adults). There will be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday (\$5/students, \$7/adults).

The cast and the Stuart Arts Guild will host a Medieval Fete on Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30. Food will be served from 5:30 to 7:30. Cost is \$15/person and includes a ticket to either the matinee or the evening performance.

Due to limited seating, tickets must be reserved in advance. Call the school at 921-2330.

Psychological Thriller Due At George St. Playhouse

The psychological thriller, *Voices in the Dork*, by John Pielmeier, author of *Agnes of God*, will have its East Coast premiere at George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. The play will begin with preview performances on March 7 and continue through April 4.

It stars Gates McFadden, known for her role as Dr. Beverly Crusher on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Also starring are John Ahlin, Peter Bartlett, Lenny Blackburn, Alec Dennis, Nicole Fonarow, Jonathan Hogan, and Robert Petkoff.

Ticket prices range from \$24 to \$32. For further information, call (732) 246-7717 Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 to 7.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton Community's Finest Choirs Perform a Wide Range of Chorus Music

The Princeton community put several of its best choruses together on Saturday night for a concert in Richardson Auditorium featuring the Princeton University Glee Club, Princeton University Chamber Choir, and Princeton High School Choir. These ensembles presented a wide range of choral music, conducted by both the trained teachers and some up-and-coming students. As with many of the University ensemble concerts, the students came out to support their own, as did the parents of the high school chorus members.

Princeton University offers no formal degrees in musical performance, but within the past ten years, has managed to provide excellent instrumental and vocal instruction. Apparently someone in the newly-renovated Woolworth Center is also now taking the time to teach conducting and two of these students were able to demonstrate their skills on Saturday night.

The Princeton University Glee Club, conducted by Richard Tang Yuk, is the focal point of the University choral program, with the Princeton University Chamber Choir as a subset. These two ensembles presented six significant choral works on Saturday night's program, ranging from the earliest Renaissance polyphony of William Byrd to the more contemporary music of Princeton composer Paul Lansky.

The Chamber Choir began the program with a precise and in-tune performance of Byrd's *Hoec Dies*. The top soprano line was not as straight in vocal tone as one would expect and the tenors were a bit shy at times, but the overall sound was clean, punctuated by the confident bass section.

Palestrina's *Missa Ascendo od Potrem* (the Sanctus and Benedictus were performed) was in the same vocal vein as the Byrd, but introduced a student conductor, Robert Meisner, to the audience. Mr. Meisner is not as smooth a conductor as Mr. Tang Yuk, but he derived a full-bodied sound from the ensemble, with a calm transition from the Benedictus to the Hosanna.

Rich Vocal Pieces

Junior Gary Pai took the podium for the Glee Club's presentation of Franz Biebl's *Ave Maria*. A very popular piece in recent years among choruses, this work featured three student solo chanters (Jason Kutch, Jeremy Reid, and Tony D'Amico), and Mr. Pai demonstrated with the chorus why Richardson Auditorium is the perfect acoustic for this rich vocal piece.

Mr. Tang Yuk returned to the podium to conduct the Glee Club in Bach's motet *Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied*. Although some historical effect was lost by the use of a piano instead of the advertised harpsichord, Mr. Tang Yuk presented a stylistic Baroque performance. This piece clearly works well for this choral ensemble.

Charles Sundquist is, judging by the audience reaction, a very popular conductor of the Princeton High School Choir. Mr. Sundquist's 70-voice chorus sang three works more contemporary than those performed by the Princeton University ensembles, pieces which required precision of diction, tuning, and performance.

Composer Robert Pearsall lived shortly after the time of Mozart, and his *Loy a Gorlond* was performed by the High School Chorus with a solid and well-blended sound. The choristers impressively sang from memory, which was key in their later performance of the very intricate *Mid-Winter Songs* of Morten Lauridsen.

Morten Lauridsen is the latest rage among choral ensembles these days, especially his recently composed *O Magnum Mysterium*, which some say is the 20th century version of the perfect choral piece. *Mid-Winter Songs* is performed less frequently, and offers the performers and audience a set of short complicated and vocally intricate choral pieces based on the poetry of Robert Graves.

The Princeton High School Choir was able to interpret Mr. Sundquist's direction exactly, being unencumbered by music folders. Each movement is different in character, and the choir was able to explore the full range of Lauridsen's compositional style, in addition to singing without noticeable mistakes.

Dynamic Ranges

The Princeton University Chamber Choir and Glee Club took the stage again for the final third of the program, performing two 20th century works. Paul Lansky's *Three Companion Choruses* are homophonic and strophic pieces based on the poetry of 16th century poet Thomas Campion. All these pieces required good blend and tuning, and the Chamber Choir was able to keep the rhythmic patterns exact.

Mr. Tang Yuk closed Saturday night's concert with Britten's *Hymn to St. Cecilia*, an a cappella work which is not often performed by student ensembles because of the difficult tuning requirements. With his Glee Club, Mr. Tang Yuk was able to reach all the dynamic ranges of the piece and smoothly maneuvered the harmonic shifts between the verses and the refrain. Several student soloists displayed the high level of vocal instruction in the music department, including soprano Majel Connery, alto Kelsey Namara, tenor Jeremy Reid, and bass Jordan Cummins.

Both of these vocal ensembles have achieved acclaim among their peers, and demonstrated Saturday night that the accolades and invitations to tour other parts of the country and world, and collaborate with well-known composers, are well-deserved.

—Nancy Plum

Leading Japanese Poet To Read at University

One of Japan's foremost poets, Shuntaro Tanikawa, will perform two local bilingual jazz/poetry readings accompanied by the jazz group Diva, at Princeton University's Taplin Auditorium on March 10 at 8 p.m. and at John and Peter's nightclub in New Hope, Pa. (March 12, 9 p.m.). Hiromi Itoh, a prominent figure among Japan's younger women poets, will also read her work with English translations at both events.

The public is invited to attend the performances as well as a discussion on poetry with Mr. Tanikawa and Mr. Itoh at Princeton University on March 10 in Room 202, Jones Hall at 4 p.m.

In addition to his writing, Mr. Tanikawa is known for his public readings of his poetry. He was a major force in popularizing poetry readings in Japan, and often reads with musical accompaniment.



Shuntaro Tanikawa

During this tour he will be supported by Diva, a jazz trio led by his son, Kensaku Tanikawa. Diva, a piano, bass, and vocal combo, specializes in setting poetry to music. The poetry will be read or sung in Japanese, and read in English translation.

Shuntaro Tanikawa is the author of more than 60 volumes of verse, dozens of which have been translated into English.

Kalichstein to Perform With N.J. Symphony

Pianist Joseph Kalichstein will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 22 in E-flat Major, K. 482, with The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra at the State Theatre in New Brunswick on Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m.

Guest conductor Hans Graf, music director of the Calgary Philharmonic and Orchestra Sinfonia de Euskadi in San Sebastian, will make his NJSO conducting debut.

The program will open with the New Jersey premiere of Gottfried von Einem's *Donton Suite*, and will close with Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 56, Scottish*.

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4:30 p.m.: Reading by novelist Edmund White, sponsored by Princeton University creative writing program; James M. Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: "Scraping the Surface," Lyle Victor-Albert; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, March 5

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, "Strengthening Global Social Justice," John Langmore, director of the Division for Social Policy, United Nations Secretariat; Woodrow Wilson School, Robertson Hall, Bowl 5.

8 p.m.: Stephen Sondheim's Company; Theatre Intime, Murray-Dodge Theater, Princeton University campus. Also Friday and Saturday at 8.

Friday, March 6

12:30 p.m.: Princeton University Art Museum Gallery Talk, "Bonifacio Veronese: Rest on the Flight into Egypt," by Sarah Blake McHam, professor of art history, Rutgers University. Also on Sunday, at 3.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra, Michael Pratt conductor; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8.

8 p.m.: "Musical, I Do! I Do!," Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2:30, with dessert served one hour before curtain.

Saturday, March 7

10-10:45 a.m.: Saturday Winter Storytelling Series at The Arts Council of Princeton for 3- to 6-year-olds with storytellers Joanna L. Foster and Jan Buley. Also from 11 to 11:45 for children 6 and above.

11 a.m.: Children's gallery talk, Princeton University Art Museum; "Feeling the Spirit: American Music in Art," by Museum docent Anne Florey and Princeton Pro Musica Chamber Chorus.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Hans Graf conductor; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Sunday, March 8

4 p.m.: Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs; Unitarian Church, Cherry Hill Road.

4 p.m.: Soprano Nancy Froyland Hoerl and Pianist J. J. Penna; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

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Tuesday, March 10

5:30 p.m.: Township Housing Board, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Regional Schools Board of Education, John Witherspoon School, 217 Walnut Lane.

8 p.m.: Borough Council, Woodrow Wilson School, Dods Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 11

10:30 a.m.: Readings over Coffee at the Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Dick Swain and the Poquelin Players reading from S. J. Perelman. Also, at 7:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.: Borough Housing Commission, Clay Street Learning Center, 2 Clay Street.

12:30-1 p.m.: Mineko Yajima, violin, and Penna Rose, piano; Princeton University Chapel.

Thursday, March 12

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission, Valley Road Building.

Friday, March 13

12:30 p.m.: Gallery Talk, Princeton University Art Museum; "Hopper and the Twilight of Georgian Portraiture," by John Burkhalter, former Museum docent. Also, Sunday at 3.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Opening night, *Voices in the Dork*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2 and 7.

8 p.m.: Princeton Baroque Ensemble; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Musical, *I Do! I Do!* Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Friday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30, with dessert served one hour before curtain.

8:30 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Joseph Flummerfelt, conductor; Richardson Auditorium.

Saturday, March 14

11 a.m.: Children's Gallery Talk, Princeton University Art Museum; "Hanging Out with Rauschenberg and Others... Going Beyond the Edge," by Museum docent David Mackey.

7 p.m.: An Evening with Bernadette Peters; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Recital, Flauto D'Amore; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

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11:00 a.m. VIM; YW/YMCA.

Thursday: 10:30 a.m. The Joy Yoga; SPC.

10:30 a.m. Memory Workshop; Redding Circle.

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12:00-4:00 p.m. Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge; SPC.

12:30 p.m. Pinochle; SPC.

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2:30 p.m. CHIME; Elm Court. Call 924-7108.

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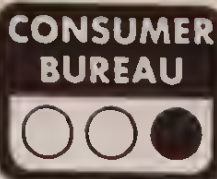
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The **Princeton Area Friends of Tibet** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 7, at the Nassau Presbyterian Church, second floor music room, 61 Nassau Street.

For more information, call 497-4615.

The **Delaware & Raritan Greenway** will sponsor a forum on the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh on Friday, March 6, from 9 until noon, at the Student Center of Rider University, Lawrenceville.

To register, call the D&R Greenway hotline at 452-0525. Address written comments to Linda Mead or Patti Quinby at D&R Greenway, 570 Mercer Road, Princeton 08540. Comments may also be faxed to 924-5577. For more information, call 924-4646.

The **Friday Club**, open to all senior women of the community, will meet on March 6, at the Merwick Cafeteria, Bayard Lane. Those attending should bring a sandwich.

The program, sponsored by the Senior Resource Center, will be a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. It will feature Irish dancers and some readings of Irish fables and poems.

For more information, call 924-7108.

The **Garden State Safety Council** will hold an eight-hour workshop on boating safety on March 24 and 25, from 6 to 10 p.m., at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School.

Completion of the course entitles the student to a certificate and an annual 15 percent discount on boat insurance. Tuition is \$45.

For more information, call 716-5030.

Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu will be featured at the next program of the **Friends of Princeton Open Space "Tea and Talk"** series, on March 8, at 3. His topic will be "Plainsboro Land Preservation Initiatives."

A small township with an area of approximately 12 square miles, Plainsboro shares a 1½-mile border with Princeton, along Carnegie Lake. Considerable corporate office development has recently taken place in the township, which was largely farmland just a short time ago.

Mayor Cantu will discuss the Township's plans for preserving its open space, including the role that farmland preservation and other initiatives play.

The program will be held in the Mountain Lakes House, in the Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve on Mountain Avenue (just off Route 206) in the Township.

For more information, call 921-2772.

The **Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton** will hold a public

Support Sources

The **ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association**, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, will hold a meeting on Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 3, at the Lawrenceville Municipal Building, Route 206 south of I-195/I-95. The meeting is open to all ALS patients, their families and friends.

The ALS support group gives patients, their families and friends an opportunity to share information, hear speakers on relevant topics, discuss adaptive and compensatory techniques and gain support from others.

For more information and directions, call Cathie Frierman, 448-7036.

The Center for the Jewish Elderly/Family Caregivers, a program of Jewish Family & Children's Service, will offer a five-session **Caregivers Emotional Support Group**, beginning Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m., at Jewish Family & Children's Service, 707 Alexander Road, Suite 102. Licensed clinical social worker Liz Cohen will lead the group, providing guidance, direction, resource information, and support to caregivers concerned about elderly relatives. There is no charge, thanks to a Ford Foundation grant. For information and registration, call Program Coordinator Judith L. Weinberg, at 987-8100, 882-9317, or 443-6260.

Cancer Care, Inc. will offer three free teleconference educational programs this month for people with cancer and their families. All three workshops will be given on the telephone in the comfort of participants' homes, on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 1.

The first teleconference, on March 11, is entitled "Can We Talk? Communicating with Your Health Care Team." It will be followed on March 18, with "Medical Update on Colon Cancer: The State of the Art." The program on March 25, will address "The Challenge of Cancer in the Workplace: How to Communicate with Your Employer."

To register, or for more information, call 1-800-813-HOPE on week days.

lecture, "The Mystery of the Brunswick Circle, in Lawrenceville.

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ARTFUL MELODIES: A half-hour musical program for children illustrated by works of art, like "Coming Through the Rye," (above) a 1902 bronze sculpture by Frederic Remington, will take place at the Princeton University Art Museum on Saturday, March 7. The Princeton Pro Musica Chamber Chorus, directed by Frances Fowler Slade, and museum docent Anne Florey will collaborate to present "Feeling the Spirit," a children's gallery talk.

ART

Firestone Library Show On Latin American Sources

An exhibition, "The Search for Latin America: Sources at Princeton," has opened and will run through April 13, in the main gallery of Princeton University's Firestone Library.

The exhibition presents a panorama of primary sources in the library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. Also included in the exhibition are Manuel Alvarez Bravo photographs and pre-Columbian objects from the museum's collection, some of which have never been publicly shown.

The exhibition displays more than 200 items, includ-

ing original manuscripts, rare books, maps, photographs, correspondence, coins and artifacts. There is a chronological progression from the pre-Columbian period to the 20th Century. Case arrangement is thematic and focuses on such subjects as Indians, exploration and discovery, conquest, religion, human rights, ecology, politics, and literature.

The purpose of the exhibition is two fold: to make Princeton's rich holdings of Latin Americana better known to students and scholars alike, and at the same time, to increase the community's awareness of Latin America.

"As knowledge of Latin American history, politics, and culture expands, the primary sources at Princeton

will prove invaluable in the process of seeking to understand this vast extent of land, its people, and the distinct histories as told through often conflicting accounts," says Peter T. Johnson, bibliographer for Latin America, Spain and Portugal and co-curator of the exhibition, along with Ben Primer, University archivist and curator of public policy papers.

There is no charge for admission to the gallery, which is open on week days from 9 to 5, and on weekends from 12 noon to 5. For more information, call the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, 258-3184, between the hours of 9 and 5 on weekdays. Class tours and group visits are encouraged.

Exhibits

Rhoda Kassof-Issac will exhibit her work from March 1 through 31 at **Nassau Presbyterian Church**, 61 Nassau Street.

Ms. Kassof-Issac received her art training in New York City and subsequently studied psychology in Europe. During the past 26 years, she has lived in Switzerland and Italy where she taught art, exhibited her work, and practiced Jungian psychoanalysis. She now has a studio and Jungian practice in Princeton.

She works in several media, including oil, watercolor, photography and tiles. Two subjects inspire and attract her — the forces of nature (woods, flowers, the land) and architectural structures. Through her exploration of color and light, form and texture, the natural world and the man-made world come together.

Exhibit hours are Monday to Friday, 9 to 5, Sunday, 9 to 1. For information call 924-0103.

Artists Caitlin MacQueen, a Princeton Day School sophomore, and her mother Susan MacQueen will share the wall space at **Small World Coffee**, 14 Witherspoon Street, for an exhibition on display through April 6. The



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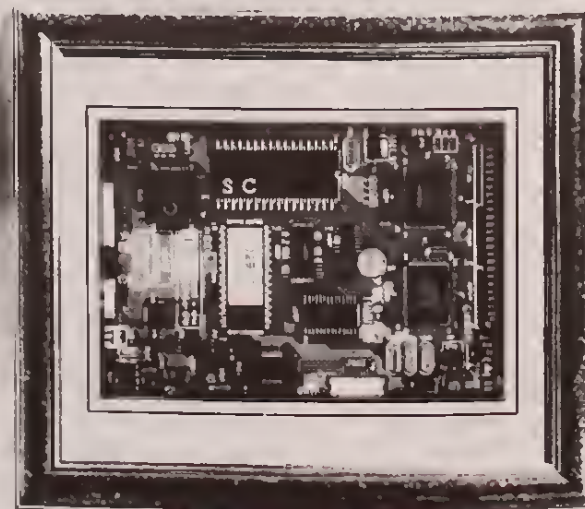
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STILL LIFE WITH ARTIST: Pamela Warner Miller with one of the acrylic-on-canvas paintings that will be exhibited at the Present Day Club, 72 Stockton Street, from March 6 through April 30.

Art

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opening reception will take place on March 5, from 5:30 to 8:30.

Caitlin MacQueen's work consists of paintings and drawings, while her mother creates three-dimensional pieces from fiber and fabric that hang on the wall.

Mrs. MacQueen has exhibited locally at the Nassau Club, Mercer Street, and at the AT&T Corporate Center in Hopewell. The MacQueens live in West Windsor.

The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, from 6:30 to midnight; on Sunday, the hours are 7 to midnight.

A solo exhibition featuring the work of Pamela Warner Miller will open March 6, at the **Present Day Club**, 72 Stockton Street.

Ms. Miller, a Pennington resident, lived in Princeton for more than 30 years. She studied with Sam Feinstein, a pupil of Hans Hoffman, and became well-known locally for her joyful still lifes and landscape paintings.

An award-winning photographer and needlepoint artist as well as a painter, Ms. Miller favors the medium of acrylic on canvas. Canvas sizes vary.

The exhibit will be open to the public every week day from 10 until 4, with the exception of Wednesdays, when it will open after 2. The Club is closed on weekends.

An exhibition of work from the Rose Family Studio, which flourished in Princeton from 1873 to 1951, will

open at the **Historical Society of Princeton**, Bainbridge House, on Sunday, March 22.

Entitled "Practical Photographers: The Rose Family Studio," the show will examine the work done by three generations of professional photographers in the Rose family. Founded by Royal Hill Rose in 1873, the studio was in business until 1951.

The Roses photographed everything from weddings to copies of old photographs. They also created striking images of Princeton — the people, places, and events that make up the community's collective memory and history.

The show draws upon the Rose Collection, vintage photographs from the Historical Society's photo archives, and images on loan from the family, local residents, and institutions. Family and business documents and period photographic equipment are also part of the exhibition.

The exhibition will be open to the public Tuesdays through Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Bainbridge House is located at 158 Nassau Street.

"The Glitter & the Gold: Fashioning America's Jewelry" is on exhibit at the **New Jersey State Museum** in Trenton through April 5. The exhibition includes more than 300 examples of jewelry produced in Newark. Archival and manuscript materials explain the design, production, and sales aspects of the industry, and the social meanings of the jewelry for its owners.

From collar buttons to lorgnettes, from cufflinks to lace pins and gold brooches, the ornaments made in Newark between 1850 and 1950 were sold in virtually every jewelry store in America, from Fifth Avenue to San Francisco.

The museum is located at 205 West State Street, Trenton. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 to 4:45, and Sunday, noon to 5. There is no charge for general museum admission.

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A branch that is three feet from the ground will always be three feet from the ground as trees grow from the tips and top, not from the bottom up. If clearance of branches is not a problem, keep lower branches on the tree to help it grow. Pruning branches for clearance may be done over a three year period. When you know branch clearance is a concern, purchase trees that have been grown for street use. This will reduce the necessity of pruning.

In the third year of a tree's life, examine it closely and prune away any broken, malformed or diseased branches. Remove double leaders or suckers from the tree's root flare. Step back and view the tree and select branches and structure that will give the tree its form for its lifetime.

When deciding which branches to remove, remember the following: Wide angles between the limb and trunk are stronger than narrower ones. Remove branches that have angles between branches. Remove branches that cross each other or rub together. If possible separate branches up and down the trunk by 6".

As a rule, young vigorous trees can have as much as 35% of its foliage removed as the tree's structure is being established, although some trees with severe structural problems may require more pruning.

When the tree is 5 to 7 years old, look again at its structure - prune as you did at three years old and then remove lower branches that prohibit safe clearance. The ideal large mature tree will have branches that are 18" to 24" apart. Some trees have better branching habits than others. Before you purchase your tree, explore whether your tree is properly fitted to the site you have planned for it.

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SPORTS

25-1 Tigers Clinch Ivy League Championship; "Selection Sunday" Brings Tournament Seeds

Being at the top of the national charts in one statistic or another is nothing new for the Princeton basketball team. Over the years, the Tigers have usually been at or near the top of the list of Division I schools in scoring defense, or field goal percentage allowed, or a similar statistical category. But headed into Tuesday night's regular-season finale against Penn (played too late for this issue) the Tigers were in a spot that they have not seen before.

Having beaten Columbia 51-37 and Cornell 72-59 over the weekend, Princeton's record against other Division I teams improved to 24-1. That gives the Tigers the highest winning percentage (96%) of any Division I basketball team in the country.

The Tigers are not usually given to self-aggrandizement, but in this case, a little bit can be forgiven. In a Monday afternoon press conference, three days after his team had clinched the Ivy League title and its guaranteed bid to the NCAA Tournament, coach Bill Carmody said, "These guys can

beat a lot of teams. It's almost as though we have to have a bad game to lose."

Bad games have been few and far between for the Tigers this year, and have typically been dubbed "bad" because Princeton either did not win by quite enough points, or didn't look pretty enough while winning. Criticizing this team has become an exercise in finding ever-smaller nits to pick.

For the third season in a row, Princeton will be watching the Sunday evening NCAA Tournament selection show with more than passing interest. The Tigers, now ranked No. 8 in the nation by both the Associated Press and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, seem assured of a good seed in the Big Dance this time around. A win against Penn on Tuesday would likely have been enough to all but lock up a slot in the top five of whatever region they are assigned to.

Columbia Tough, Again

A week after playing Columbia in Jadwin Gym earlier this season, senior guard Mitch Henderson made the observation that at times during the closer-than-expected 58-45 win, he realized "this must be what it's like to play against us."

The Lions, coached by former Princeton star Armond Hill, have not been able to turn the corner in the Ivy League in the past few years, always coming out in the bottom half of the pack. But they have showed increasingly frequent flashes of brilliance that suggest that a player here, or a buzzer-beating shot there, is all they need to make the transition into one of the League's winning programs.

On the Lions' home floor Friday night, Princeton struggled through one of its worst first-half shooting performances in recent memory. In a meeting of two defense-oriented teams that run very similar offenses, the Tigers shot 6-for-25 over the first 20 minutes. Most of the Tigers shooting woes can be attributed to the dogged Lions' defense. Hill's club held a 15-9 lead when the Tigers finally began to find their range. With Nate Walton in at center for the foul-laden Steve Goodrich, the Tigers went on a 9-0 run that gave them the lead, and held a razor-thin 18-17 advantage at half-time.

In the second half, the law of averages began to assert itself. Princeton, a team that shoots 50% from the field in a typical game, started making up for its first half numbers. The Tigers were 12-for-18 from the floor in the final 20 minutes, as they slogged inexorably toward their 12th Ivy win, 51-37.

Senior forward James Mastaglio was

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Fans Encouraged to Attend Practice Saturday Afternoon at Jadwin Gym

As a way of thanking the fans who have turned out in unprecedented numbers to support the Tiger basketball team this season, coach Bill Carmody intends to hold an intra-squad game on Saturday at 4 p.m. that will be open to the public.

"We just want to express our appreciation to the students, the public, and the whole community for all the support they've given us this year," said Carmody on Tuesday. He added that, depending on the size of the turnout for the "Orange versus Black" contest, he and the team captains might address the crowd.

The Saturday practice will be the last opportunity for many area fans to watch Princeton seniors like Mitch Henderson, Steve Goodrich, and James Mastaglio play on the floor at Jadwin. The Tigers will learn the following evening where the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee has sent them, with the closest possible first round sites being Hartford, Conn., and Washington, D.C.

The Tigers are hoping for a much better seed than the No. 12 they received last season. Their current national ranking — No. 8 in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls — argues for no worse than a No. 3, but in all likelihood, with an RPI rating of No. 30 in the country at press time, the Tigers were looking at a No. 4 or 5 at best.



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IN THE CLINCH: Members of the Princeton basketball team after learning that Pennsylvania's Friday night loss at Cornell had assured them of their third consecutive Ivy League title. Princeton had a 25-1 overall record headed into Tuesday's game against Penn.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Tiger Basketball

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Princeton's high-scorer on the evening, with 14 points. Junior Gabe Lewullis atoned for a dreadful 0-for-6 showing in the first half by netting 11 second half points and grabbing nine rebounds to tie a career-high. Brian Earl was also in double figures, with 11 points.

Princeton had entered the Columbia-Cornell weekend needing to win both games to clinch an Ivy league title. About half an hour after the game ended, they learned that they had received some unexpected help. Cornell, in knocking off Penn 73-70, had assured the Tigers of their third consecutive title, regardless of the outcome of the final two games of the year.

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If Princeton experienced a mental letdown after learning that they had won the title, it didn't show at Cornell the next evening. Against a defense not nearly as aggressive as the Lions, Princeton needed about seven minutes to find its groove.

Mastaglio dropped a three-pointer through the net to tie the score at 12-12 with 13:16 to play, and the rest of the half was a 22-8 Princeton run that gave the Tigers all the

lead they would need.

Carmody saw some flaws in the night's performance, but at the same time seemed to realize that all flaws are relative. "Against Cornell we were off just a little bit," he said Monday, "and still, with eight minutes to go, we were up 61-39. They didn't stop us from doing what we wanted to do."

Goodrich was the high scorer for the Tigers, with 19 points on 9-for-12 shooting. The performance gave the senior center 1,148 points in his Princeton career, placing him in ninth place all-time in school history. He has also started a Princeton-record 109 consecutive games.

Lewullis scored 17 points and had six rebounds and five assists. Earl netted 14 points on 5-for-8 shooting.

Penn-Ready

In the Monday press conference prior to Tuesday's Penn game, Henderson admitted that while the team has tried not to lose focus on the Ivy League this year, the expectation that they would earn a Tournament bid had led to at least some looking ahead.

"We talked about having to win the League first," he said, "but at the same time, we've really been playing to sharpen ourselves up for the Tournament."

Henderson and Carmody both said that they were pleased to be playing the Quakers in the final game of the regular season, pointing out that it would be good to head into the tournament with a tough game. "It will be good to go down there and play in a hostile environment," said Henderson.

Afterward, the Tigers will have nothing to do but wait, as will all of their fans, for the Sunday evening selection show. No matter whom they draw in the opening round, Henderson predicted, the team's collective reaction will probably be the same: "Oh my gosh, I don't know how we can beat these guys."

The senior captain added, "That's just the way we are."

It's not that they believe it, necessarily. It's just that recognizing the strengths of their opponent has always been key to the Tigers' success. Why mess with a good thing?

—Rob Garver

1998 IVY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Friday, February 27

Princeton 51 Columbia 37

Cornell 73 Penn 70

Dartmouth 57 Brown 51

Harvard 81 Yale 77

Saturday, February 28

Princeton 72 Cornell 59

Penn 71 Columbia 53

Harvard 111 Brown 63

Yale 75 Dartmouth 67

	Ivy			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Princeton	13	0	1.000	25	1	.962
Penn	10	3	.769	17	11	.615
Yale	7	7	.500	12	14	.462
Columbia	6	8	.429	11	15	.423
Cornell	6	8	.429	9	17	.346
Harvard	6	8	.429	12	14	.462
Dartmouth	4	10	.286	7	19	.270
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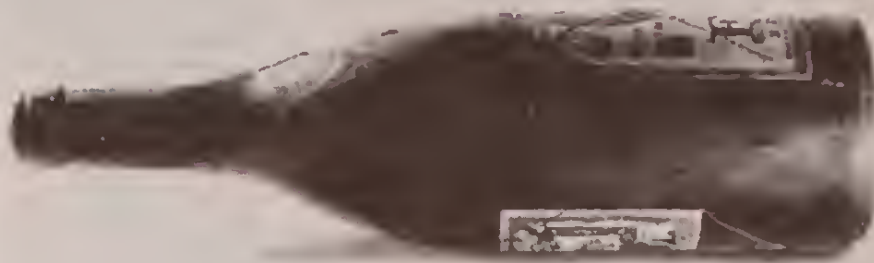
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Entering Final Weekend of Season, Princeton Hockey Can Finish Anywhere in Standings from Fourth to 10th

The final weekend of regular season ECAC competition has arrived, and as usual there are almost limitless possibilities for the Princeton hockey team. In a nutshell, the Tigers could finish anywhere from fourth to 10th place.

Another chance for a sweep and four points eluded coach Don Cahoon's team last weekend, but with a 4-4 tie against Vermont on Friday and a 5-3 triumph over Dartmouth the next evening, the Orange and Black collected three and kept itself in the thick of the battle for home ice advantage in the playoffs that begin Friday, March 13. And believe it or not, Old Nassau doesn't even have to win both of its final two games at Union this Friday and RPI Saturday to play the quarterfinal round in Baker Rink for the first time ever.

Currently tied with Cornell for sixth place, Princeton is just two points out of fourth. If Colgate and Cornell, which must play Clarkson and St. Lawrence on the road, were both to lose twice, and the Tigers split, they would sneak into fifth. If that seems farfetched, who would have thought last-place Union, a winner just four times in 24 contests before last weekend would not only defeat, but shutout, both the Raiders and Big Red on their home ice?

Now Tigers have to face the suddenly revived Skating Dutchmen Saturday night in Schenectady, and a game that once seemed a glimmie is up for grabs. Twenty-four hours earlier they will face off against third-place RPI, which has been playing well all along. So two Tiger losses seem as much a possibility as a split or a sweep. Fourth or 10th, neither would be surprising in this up and down season.

A Disappointing Tie

Friday night's tie with Vermont did produce one point, but it was nothing to cheer about. For the second consecutive game, the Tigers blew a 3-1 second-period lead. They then had to overcome a 4-3 deficit in the third to manage the tie.

In a contest where both teams appeared to be skating slightly out of control with bodies and sticks flying around, The Catamounts took a 1-0 lead early in the first. A goal by Syl Apps tied it with 7:26 left in the period, and before it ended Steve Shirreffs put the Tigers ahead 2-1. When Robble Sinclair tallied 6:29 into the second, Princeton looked ready to atone for a 6-3 loss to the visitors in Burlington in early January.

However, the Catamounts quickly cut the deficit in half in less than two minutes and forged a 3-3 tie late in the second stanza. A superb solo effort by Vermont's Kevin Karlander beat Erasmo Sallarelli midway through the third, and the Tigers needed a second goal by Shirreffs a couple of minutes later to tie the score. Lots of end-to-end action followed the rest of the period and the five-minute overtime, but the 4-4 deadlock held.

Already beset by a variety of injuries, especially to defensemen (Michael Acosta is still out), the Tigers' lost two more during the game when both Peter Zavodny and Mike Barber had to leave the game. To shore up the defense, Cahoon was forced to switch the team's leading scorer, Jeff Halpern, to that unit, and that took something away from the offense.

Dominating Dartmouth

Given the injury situation and a season-long Saturday night slump (the Tigers had last won on Saturday November 15 against Brown), no one expected much against Dartmouth. Of course, the lower the expectations, the better Princeton seems to play.

First off, Barber was able to return to action, freeing up Halpern to get back to forward. Halpern responded by setting up the first goal of the game feeding the puck to Benoit Morin, whose shot put the Orange and Black up 1-0 with five minutes gone. The lead did not last long, the Big Green got the tying goal five minutes later after a wild scramble right in front of the net.

Three straight goals in the second period enabled Old Nassau to take a 4-1 lead, and this time it held on. Scott

ECAC HOCKEY				
Friday, February 27				
Princeton 4	Vermont 4 (OT)			
Rensselaer 4	Cornell 3			
Clarkson 3	Brown 2			
St. Lawr. 3	Harvard 2 (OT)			
Union 6	Colgate 0			
Yale 2	Dartmouth 2 (OT)			
Saturday, February 28				
Princeton 5	Dartmouth 3			
Colgate 4	Rensselaer 4 (OT)			
Clarkson 5	Harvard 1			
Brown 4	St. Lawr. 2			
Union 1	Cornell 0			
Vermont 4	Yale 3			
Friday, March 6				
Princeton at RPI				
Brown at Dartmouth				
Colgate at St. Lawr.				
Cornell at Clarkson				
Harvard at Vermont				
Yale at Union				
Saturday, March 7				
Princeton at Union				
Brown at Vermont				
Colgate at Clarkson				
Cornell at St. Lawr.				
Harvard at Dartmouth				
Yale at RPI				

Bertoli got things rolling on an assist from Masters at 1:54, and seven minutes later Masters set up Shirreffs on the power play to make it 3-1. Back in action, Barber responded with his first goal of the season, scoring off passes by Morin and Halpern.

Dartmouth closed the gap to 4-2 before the period was out, but the Tigers did not allow anything in the third until after they had locked up the contest on an empty-net goal by Matt Brush. The Big Green made it a 5-3 final with a meaningless score with less than a minute left.

"They worked hard and played smart," Cahoon said after the game. "I was delighted with how hard we played. We just tried to gain ice on them and take pressure off our defense."

Two more efforts like that, and the Tigers will finish much closer to fourth place than 10th.

Slapshots: Shirreffs, already solid on defense, has become a strong offensive force as well. He didn't score his first goal until the BU game in late December, but now has four in his last four games, and 27 points so far. Only Cliff Abrecht is ahead of him for points in a season by a defenseman. He had 28 in 1985 and 41 in 1986. Sinclair has also come on strong the last couple of weeks.

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In Fitting End to Terrific Season PDS Hockey Wins Its Tournament for First Time Since '85

There was no reason to be certain it would happen, but when the Princeton Day hockey team won its own tournament for the first time in 13 years last weekend, it's almost like the victories had been pre-ordained as the only way this magical season should end.

After all the events leading up to the final event: new rink, new coach, several new players, an impressive winning season (19-4-1), including the first Prep B title since 1990, anything less than winning the tournament would have been unthinkable. Of course, coach Chris Barless' players never could count on the tournament trophy falling into their laps just for showing up; they had to go out and make it happen, and they did.

And things had to happen against some strong opponents. In Friday's opening round, the Blue and White was matched against Germantown Academy, which brought a 22-2-3 record with it. As has been the case in many games this season, PDS jumped off to an early lead and protected it the rest of the way.

Four minutes into the first period, Alex Mathews zoomed up on a loose puck, raced toward the cage and beat the Germantown goalie with a quick wrist shot for a 1-0 lead. Still in the first Ryan Thornton's shot on goal was stopped, but Craig Weissman was there to knock in the rebound.

PDS collected another insurance goal with 5:47 left in the second. Mathews created the opportunity when he got around the defense for a clear shot on goal. This time the rebound came to Thornton who put the puck in the net. With a goalie like Andy Warren three goals were more than enough. The senior netminder turned away all 25 shots in earning his sixth shutout of the season.

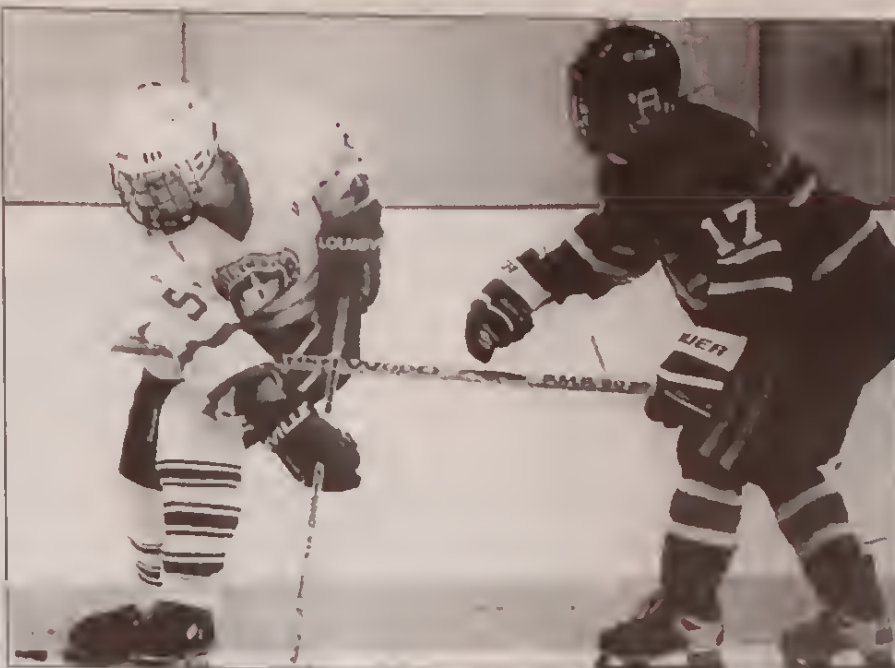
Look Where We Are

In Saturday's championship round, something PDS hadn't been a part of in years, the Panthers were matched against a big Brunswick sextet, which had disposed of Wyoming Seminary, 4-1, the day before.

PDS looked shaky at the start, and Brunswick skaters swarmed around the Panther goal in the early going. They were rewarded when a shot from behind the red line ricocheted off Warren's skates and into the net for a 1-0 lead. Brunswick dominated the play for the rest of the period and into the second as well.

Then in a span of just three minutes, Princeton Day got all the goals it would need to win. Brunswick's mistake was to start taking penalties, and PDS capitalized each time. On the first, Matt Riepenhoff whacked in the rebound of a shot by Weissman to tie the game with 6:42 left in the second.

Minutes later Brunswick was hit with another penalty, and with 1:12 left on that one, another Brunswick player was hit with a double minor. Enjoying a five-on-three advantage, the Panthers needed all but one second of it to take the lead. J.D. Schaub worked the puck in close and found Mathews



POINT-SCORING STREAK: Alex Mathews (white jersey) had a goal and an assist on Friday and another goal Saturday in the PDS Tournament to extend his point-scoring streak to five. Mathews, a junior, will hope to pick up where he left off this season and continue his steady scoring.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

alone in the slot. The junior forward lifted the puck just under the crossbar and into the net for a 2-1 lead.

Still skating with a one-man advantage, it took Barless' boys just eight seconds to tally what proved to be the winning goal with 3:42 left. Brian Avery was set up by Mark Blatterfein for the score.

Brunswick Gets One Back

That score became very important a period later when Brunswick scored off a rebound that Warren couldn't control with 9:30 left, making it a one-goal (3-2) lead. As the final minutes ticked off, penalties became more frequent for both teams, and PDS had to kill off several. Once again Warren was equal to the task, although there were some anxious moments near the end.

Barless had a difficult time believing the outcome.

"We never thought we were gonna win this tournament; I'm shocked that we did," he said. "We were probably the fourth-best team talent wise, but we played with a lot of heart."

Ryan Thornton, who along with Warren and Mike Bracken, will graduate in June, went out in a blaze of glory.

"This is it. I couldn't have asked for a better way for my (PDS) career to end," he said. "This was a perfect example of our entire season. We were smaller and probably slower, but we have some kind of chemistry. I'll miss it."

Thornton, along with Warren and Bracken will be missed next season, but Barless has a wealth of talent returning, and don't be surprised if he finds a goalie to replace Warren by next fall.

SLASHOTS: The 19 wins recorded by PDS is believed to be the most ever in the sport. If a weak Academy of New Church sextet had not cancelled out twice, Barless would have guided the team to a 21-win season.



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**Princeton Lacrosse
Rolls Over Hopkins
17-10 in Opener**

By opening the season with a dominating 17-10 win over Johns Hopkins, the Princeton men's lacrosse team showed why pundits placed it first in preseason polls. In fact, when the Tigers traveled to storied Homewood Field in Baltimore last Saturday, they added more evidence (if any more were needed) that this team has one of the best offenses the game has ever seen.

After a slow start, Princeton exploded for seven goals in the third quarter to put the game away. Senior attackman Jesse Hubbard led the team with five goals and one assist, breaking the school career scoring mark of 120, which had been held by 1992 graduate Justin Tortolani.

The win also extended a team record, as the Tigers have now won 29 straight regular-season games. Princeton is tied with the 1989-91 Syracuse squad for the second-longest string of victories in collegiate lacrosse — Cornell won 42 games straight in 1976-78.

Through most of the first half, however, Hubbard and the Tigers appeared all too ordinary. Johns Hopkins' young defense stifled Hubbard and his fellow senior attackmen, Chris Massey (3 goals), and Jon Hess (2 goals, 3 assists), while Princeton's new starting goaltender, Jun-

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3 GOALS, 2 CHECKS: Sophomore Josh Sims delivered three goals and at least two crushing bodychecks in the Tigers' win over the Blue Jays.

lor Corey Popham (15 saves), was shaky.

The Orange and Black would not grab their first lead until about 3½-minutes before halftime, when Hubbard took a pass from junior midfielder Lorne Smith and slung it past Blue Jay goalie Brian Carcattera from 15 yards out to make the score 6-5, Princeton.

Tiger coach Bill Tierney called his team's apparent sluggishness "a tribute to Hopkins," saying that Princeton didn't play well until it started running its offense with some patience. Popham agreed. "The first quarter was a little rough," he said. "But after that, guys settled down, and once we got rolling, we were tough to stop."

Princeton was absolutely unstoppable in the third quarter, outscoring the Blue Jays 7-2 and breaking the spirit of Hopkins' defense. A highlight came from sophomore mid-fielder Josh Sims (three goals), who threw two crushing checks, then raced straight to the net with the ball and threw in the Tigers' 12th goal with 1:15 left in the quarter. Forty-three seconds later, Hubbard added to his highlight reel with an amazing shot that Hess described as "a left-handed, behind-the-back, no-angle goal."

At the start of the fourth, the score stood at 13-7, with a dispirited Hopkins team trying half-heartedly to keep up with the Tigers. With the victory nearly in hand, Tierney put his son, Trevor, a Princeton freshman and Hun school graduate, into the game at goal with 2:52 left. He would make one save before game's end.

When asked afterward which second-half score took the heart out of Johns Hopkins, Hess called all of Princeton's goals "a blur." That's what the Blue Jays must have been thinking, too. And with the Tigers' extraordinary talent for scoring, a blur may be all the rest of the nation sees as they streak toward the Final Four at Rutgers on Memorial Day.

The team continues its quest toward a third straight national title this weekend in Charlottesville, facing the University of Virginia on Saturday. Princeton will make its first home appearance versus North Carolina Sunday, March 15 at the Class of 1952 Stadium.

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'98 Season Can't Start Soon Enough To Suit New Tiger Baseball Coach

Not just ready, but "more than ready" is the way first-year head coach Scott Bradley describes his Princeton University baseball team's state of preparation for the annual season-opening trip to warmer climates. Bradley, a nine-year major leaguer with the Yankees, White Sox, and Mariners, could as well be describing himself.

The Pennington resident took over from 16-year veteran Tom O'Connell last summer, having found a renewed passion for the game after a year of college coaching at Rutgers. In his final years in the pros, Bradley recalls, January 1 would roll around, spring training would appear on the horizon, and the prospect would leave him notably unmoved. "I'd feel that I had nothing spectacular in front of me," he remembers.

January 1, 1998, brought with it a familiar but long-absent feeling of excitement. "This year," he says, "I started to get the feeling that something special was coming up."

That something special is his first year at the helm of a Princeton baseball program that has won two consecutive Gehrig Division championships, and has more potential than it needs to rack up a third. The Tigers return a lineup heavy with experienced upperclassmen, and boasting a pitching staff that may be the best the Orange and Black has fielded in many years.

"Our biggest asset is depth," says Bradley. "I've been surprised at how many just plain good baseball players we have — especially on the mound — we go 11 or 12 deep, and these guys are all capable of coming into the game."

Bradley is quick to give credit for his enviable position to his predecessor. "I've inherited a great situation," he says, comparing himself to a pair of fellow coaches who fell into similarly charmed circumstances. "It's like [Princeton basketball coach] Bill Carmody or [North Carolina coach] Bill Guthridge. Coach O'Connell did a good job of putting a strong team together."

Powerful Pitching

Princeton's strength on the mound is spread across several classes. Junior Tim Killgoar brings his 1.89 Ivy League ERA to the table, and will be backed up by talented classmate Jeff Golden. The Tigers have senior Ben Matsil back in the lineup after a year off. Matsil is fresh off a highly successful AAU season and will be a major contributor to the Tiger cause. Seniors Ben Smith, Brian Stroh, and Joe Machado add depth and experience to a seasoned stable of pitchers.

Defensively, the Tigers have plenty of strength up the middle. Brothers Justin and Asher Griffin will play shortstop and second base, respectively. The talented Griffin brothers have been moved around a lot during their years at Princeton, filling in where the team needed them. Now, Bradley feels, "they are at their natural positions."

"I don't think there's a better double play

combination than these guys anywhere," says the coach. "They can do everything on the field, from the routine to the spectacular. They're fun to watch."

Sophomore catcher Buster Small returns as a starter, after shouldering much of the catching duties last season. A high-quality defensive catcher, Small had trouble adjusting to the collegiate level breaking ball last season, but Bradley sees a lot of native talent in the young Hawaii native that should be more apparent at the plate this year.

Third base remains up in the air, with a number of qualified candidates looking to rise to the top during the early season. The other corner will be no surprise to anyone. Matt Evans, the squad's leading hitter from last season, return to the lineup with his impressive .377 average.

The Tiger outfield is almost as impressive as its pitching. In center, Princeton boasts senior Mike Hazen. "He's probably our best all-around player right now," says Bradley. "He steals bases, he can hit home runs, and he plays a terrific center field."

In left field, Bradley will place Jason Koonin, a junior with, to listen to Bradley, nearly unlimited potential. "He probably has more baseball ability than anyone on the team," says the coach. "He hits the ball hard, and he's as fast as anyone we'll see all year long. He has the sort of things that [professional] scouts look for: the things you can't teach."

A number of qualified candidates will be looking to fit into the right field slot when the Tigers open up on March 14, with a double-header at Elon College in North Carolina. Princeton plays 10 games in seven days in the season-opening swing through the Carolinas, returning home for a northern opener at home against Monmouth on March 24.

"We caught a break last weekend," said Bradley, referring to the unseasonably pleasant weather. "We were able to get outside for a couple of days. Sometimes, playing up [north], the first time you set foot on a field is when you go down south."

If the Tiger players can match their new coach's enthusiasm, Princeton fans may be in for a year of top notch baseball. "I'm excited, and I know our players are too," says Bradley.

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Two PHS Wrestlers Take 3d at Districts; Advance to Regions

The Princeton High School wrestling team will send two representatives to Wednesday's Region 5 individual championships at Hunterdon Central High School on Wednesday. Juniors Mike Kopley and Luke Johnson, wrestling at 130 pounds and 160 pounds, respectively, both overcame difficult losses in the semifinal round to advance to the next level.

Kopley earned his trip to the Regions with a first period pin in the consolation round of last week's District 17 championships. Kopley rebounded from an 18-6 major decision loss in the semifinals to pin North Hunterdon's Bryan Wagner at the 1:23 mark.

Johnson needed just a little longer to get his ticket to the Regions, pinning his man at the 3:01 mark in the consolation round of the 160 pound flight. In the semifinal round, Johnson had come out on the short end of a tough 7-5 overtime bout.

The Tigers had another pair of wrestlers advance to the consolation round of the tournament, but neither was able to advance. Justin Cutting dropped a 10-4 decision in the 140 pound consolations, and Alberto Marroquin fell 12-7 at 189.

Cutting's loss reflected the end of a highly successful high school wrestling career, in which he contributed to the PHS programs with greater levels of experience and commitment every season.

Marroquin's loss marks only a milestone. The burly sophomore promises to do exciting things on the mat in Princeton High wrestling's future.

The tournament's quarterfinal round did heavy damage to the Tiger ranks. In the 103-pound match, Chris Liu was defeated by pin at the 1:09 mark. Arjun Reddy bowed out at 119 pounds in a close 5-3 decision.

At 125 pounds, Matt Tracey was stopped 11-1 by the eventual champion Eric Balut of North Hunterdon. Kopley's quarterfinal match was a handy 9-2 win over Marco Iacona of Lawrence, but at 135 pounds, Arnold Kim was stopped 5-0 by the eventual second place finisher.

Cutting won his way into the semis with an 8-5 decision at 140 pounds. At 145, Princeton's Dan Irby lost to North Hunterdon's Paul Versage in a tight 4-3 match. John Asmuth fell 12-4 in the 152 pound quarters.

Johnson earned a 40-second pin in his quarterfinal match at 160 pounds, and Marroquin was a 12-6 winner in the 189 pound quarters. At 215 pounds, Jonathan Tiper-mas lost a 6-3 battle, and in the heavyweight division, Jerome Lindsey was beaten by pin at 1:09.

Playoffs Have Begun In Dillon Youth Basketball

In the Junior Division First Round of the Dillon Youth Basketball League playoffs, Commodities Corporation beat N.C. Jefferson, 33-26, as Chris Hoeland scored 19 points. Peter Abram had eight points for N.C. Jefferson.

Ivy Inn beat Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, 21-12. Michael Freedman led Ivy Inn with 11 points. Michael Placentino had six points in the loss.

In the quarterfinals, Josh Thompson had 24 points as Larini's Sunoco beat Commodities Corporation, 38-23. Chris Hoeland had 10 points for Commodities Corporation. Ivy Inn beat Tucker Anthony, 36-23, as Michael Freedman led the way with 28 points. Richard Wilson had 10 points for Tucker Anthony.

Princeton Shopping Center beat Conte's, 34-22 as Kunal Prakesh had 16 points. Nathan Abraham had 10 points for Conte's. Princeton Hardware beat Harden Construction, 44-29. Alex Sugulra scored 14 points, while Zach Anglin and Garrett Brown added 12 apiece.

In the Senior Division semifinals, Potter & Dickson topped Wills, O'Neill & Melk, 40-35. Watt Manley had eight points. Matt Susan, Alex Nielson and Oliver Taylor had six points apiece. Syon Bhand had 12 points in the loss.

Skey, Dumont & Matejak beat Mason, Griffin & Pierson, 34-31, in overtime. Alex Goodman had 13 points, while Andy Skemer had 10 points and Matt Schwerin added nine in the win. Jacob Utti had 18 points in the loss.

Girls' Division

In the first round of the Girls' Division playoffs, Princeton Orthopedics beat Woodwinds, 17-16, in triple overtime. Piya Mehra had four points to lead Princeton Orthopedics, which had seven different players score. Maggle Lyons and Zoe Samak had eight points apiece for Woodwinds.

In the semifinals, G.R. Murray Insurance beat McCaffrey's, 17-9. Katie Bliss had 10 points in the win. Salty Dog beat Princeton Orthopedics, 10-7. Tiffany Schuler had four points in the win.

Register for Girls Spring Softball Teams

The Princeton Girls Softball Association, sponsored by the Princeton Recreation Department, invites all area girls, 6 years and older, to play softball during the spring season, which runs from April through mid-June.

The association offers four team levels: Instructional, minor, major, and travelling. The emphasis is on teamwork, developing skills, learning the rules of play, and — most important — having fun.

Applications are available at the Recreation Department, 380 Witherspoon Street, and at area schools. For more information, call Jeff Furey at 497-0772, or Jim Brooks at 921-1815.

A skills clinic will be held every Tuesday in March at the Princeton High School new gym, from 7 to 8. Catching, throwing, and pitching skills will be taught, along with basic game strategy. Participants should bring mitts and sneakers. An open house/registration will be held each night of the clinic.

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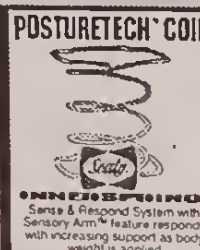
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People

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Scott McVay, Province Line Road, founding director of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, has announced that he will retire at the end of 1998. A nationwide search for a successor has been launched.

In 1976, Mr. McVay became the first executive director of the foundation, created by Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge, with a \$60 million bequest. The foundation has made \$155 million in grants to date, while its assets have grown to \$294 million.

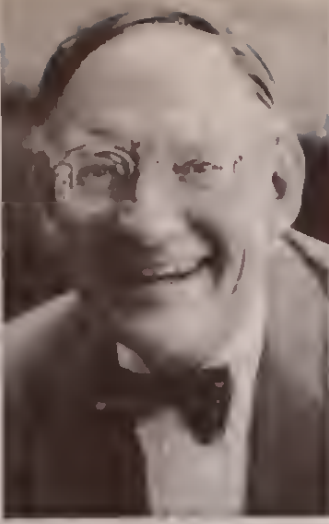
Mr. McVay has been responsible for program development in the five areas of giving established by the trustees: education, the arts, the welfare of animals, public issues, and local projects.

Mr. McVay and colleagues at the foundation pioneered a number of initiatives, including a professional development program for New Jersey principals that led to the establishment of the Principals Center for the Garden State; two New Jersey arts initiatives, the Arts Challenge Fund and the Artist-Educator; a biennial poetry festival featured in two PBS series with Bill Moyers; a program on Chinese language studies in 60 high schools; and a program for veterinary students.

Mr. McVay graduated from Princeton University in 1955. He worked as recording secretary, assistant to the president, and assistant treasurer of the University. He also served as director of the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation in New York.

He has received a number of awards, including the 1997 Joseph Wood Krutch Medal, given by the Humane Society of the United States "to an individual who has made significant impact toward the improvement of life and the environment."

Mr. McVay was one of the founders of the Partnership for New Jersey, an organization of the state's business



Scott McVay

leader; he has championed the efforts of citizens dedicated to protecting the state's ecology; and he has advocated teen pregnancy prevention efforts, access to family planning and reproductive health care for women throughout the state, and the lowering of violence.

An executive search firm has been engaged to find Mr. McVay's successor.

Princeton resident **Lara Frank**, a physical therapist at St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center, Lawrenceville, was one of four staff members selected recently from 280 employees to win a "Guest Relations Award."

Given quarterly, the award is based on exemplary performance in all areas of patient relations. Patients, their families, and co-workers nominate employees for the award, which includes a gift certificate, recognition at an awards ceremony, and an invitation to an annual dinner.

Air Force Airman **Curtis R. Weeks**, the son of Karen L. and stepson of Terry C. Thompson, Poillon Court, Lawrenceville, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.

Army Spec. **Stanley Masnica**, son of Walter and

Mary Masnica, Walker Drive, Belle Mead, has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal. Mr. Masnica is a track vehicle repairman. He graduated from the Somerset County Vocational Technical High School in 1994.

Princeton resident **Yvonne Marcuse**, Shady Brook Lane, a senior associate with the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spletzer, was a speaker last month at a seminar for municipal and county officials organized by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority. Her topic was "How-to's of Local Redevelopment-Legal Issues."

Ms. Marcuse concentrates her practice primarily on municipal and administrative law with an emphasis in urban redevelopment, municipal land use, affordable housing and inverse condemnation.

She received her J.D. from Fordham University in 1983; her doctorate and master's degrees are from the University of Colorado; and her undergraduate degree was awarded by Rice University in 1970.

Matthew Robbins, son of David and Deborah Robbins, Riverside Drive, is one of 40 students touring Florida this spring with the Phillips Exeter Academy Concert Choir.

A second-year student at the Academy in Exeter, N.H., Mr. Robbins has been a member of the choir for two years. The Florida trip will be his first concert tour.

Army Capt **Kristine A. Beardsley**, daughter of Robert W. Beardsley, Chicopee Drive, has arrived for duty at Camp Humphreys, Pyongtaek-Gun, South Korea. A personnel officer/adjutant, she is assigned to the 751st Military Intelligence Battalion.

The captain is a 1993 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Hilary M. Hopper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Hopper, Aqua Terrace, Hopewell Township, has been named to the first semester honor roll at St. George's School in Newport, R.I.

Princeton resident **Catherine Jones**, a member of the class of 2001 at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., was named to the dean's list for the fall 1997 semester. **Mary-Victoria Papaioannou**, Brearley Road, was named to the dean's list with honors. She is a member of the class of 2000.



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OBITUARIES

Scott Matthew Mauney, 20, of Charlotte, N.C., formerly of Hopewell Township and Princeton, died in Charlotte on February 26.

Born in Princeton, he had been a resident of the Hopewell Township-Princeton area most of his life.

He was a 1995 graduate of Princeton Day School, where he was active in varsity football and baseball, and played basketball. He had attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Grandson of the late Virginia Gramm, he is survived by his mother and stepfather, Virginia G. and Robert A. White of Princeton; his father and stepmother, Keith J. and Gina G. Mauney of Charlotte, N.C.; his maternal grandfather, Thomas C. Gramm of Lakehurst and Venice, Fla.; his paternal grandparents, Leigh and Dave Mauney of Mountainside; a brother, Brian J. Mauney of Princeton; a sister, Allison L. Mauney of Charlotte; a half-brother, Keith J. Mauney Jr., of Charlotte; two step-brothers, David White of Arlington, Va., and Richard White of Princeton; and a half-sister, Christina Mauney of Charlotte.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 3 in St. James Roman Catholic Church, Pennington. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercer Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 88 Lakdale Drive, Lawrence 08648, or the Mercer Council on Alcohol and Drug Addiction, 408 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton.

Anne Kenny, 89, died January 10 at Morris Hall in Lawrenceville. Prior to moving to Morris Hall she had spent the greater part of her life in Princeton.

The eldest of 11 children born to Christopher and Margaret Leahy Kenny, she was born in Brooklyn and graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in 1925. In 1929 she graduated from Hunter College. She was a member of

Phi Beta Kappa. In 1939 she received a master of science in education from Fordham University.

When Miss Kenny came to Princeton she worked at Palmer Lab on the research being done to develop the atomic bomb. She held the position of research assistant in the Physics Department of Princeton University from 1948 to 1954 and again in 1957 and 1958. From 1954 to 1957 she was a research assistant in the Aerospace Engineering Department.

From 1958 until her retirement in 1973 she was the librarian for the Mathematics and Physics Department. She coordinated the move of the Mathematics and Physics Library from Palmer Lab to its present location in Fine Hall.

Miss Kenny is survived by her sisters, Catherine Kenny of Lawrenceville, Sister Mary Kenny of Brentwood, N.Y., Helen Kenny of New York City, Elizabeth Gilroy of Valley Stream, N.Y., and Louise Rowney of Massapequa, N.Y.; and many nieces and nephews.

Until moving to Lawrenceville, Miss Kenny was a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. There will be a memorial Mass at St. Paul's on Monday, March 9, at 9 a.m.

Sue-Ellen Baird, 52, died February 15 at her home on Gordon Avenue in Lawrence Township.

Born in Hicksville, Long Island, N.Y., she lived in New Jersey for many years, as well as in Tucson, Ariz.

She began her career as a registered nurse in New York and went on to become a certified nurse-midwife. She recently earned her master of science degree in women's health from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

She was a staff midwife at North Central Bronx Hospital in New York, the Henry J. Austin Health Center in Trenton, and Familyborn Birth Center in Princeton.

She is survived by her mother, Susan Baird; three sisters, Marianne Baird, Jane

Baird Jones, and Barbara Baird Vivona; and three brothers, George, Peter, and Gregory.

A memorial service was held February 21 at Princeton University Chapel. Arrangements were by Kimble Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American College of Nurse-Midwives Scholarship Fund in Memory of Sue-Ellen Baird, 818 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C., 20006, or The Children's Defense Fund, 25 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

The First Reformed Church of Rocky Hill, Route 518 at Reeves Road, will hold a lasagna dinner on Saturday, March 14, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$9.50; children, \$5; and seniors, \$8.50. Take-outs and home deliveries will be available.

"Love Unknown, The Depth and Nature of Divine Love," a meditation of choral music and hymns, will take place Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m. in the Miller Chapel of **Princeton Theological Seminary**. There will be no charge.

Conductor will be Devin Mariman, with a choir of students and alumni of Westminster Choir College.

Hazel Davis, 89, of Redding Circle, died February 23 at Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Snow Hill, Md., Mrs. Davis lived in Princeton for 74 years.

She was a retired self-employed domestic worker.

She attended public schools in Snow Hill.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church of Princeton.

Daughter of the late Isaac J. and Ruth Hall Brittingham, she is survived by a son, Bobby Marshall Sr. of Princeton; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church. The Rev. Vernard R. Leak, pastor, officiated.

Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Despina Nessas, 48, died February 24 at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

Born in New York City, she lived in Brighton, Mass., before moving to Princeton seven years ago.

A graduate of Wheaton College and a registered dietitian, she had owned Despina's, a food service business in Watertown, Mass.

Daughter of the late Athena Nessas, she is survived by a son, Dimitri Nessas at home; her father, Peter Nessas of Clearwater, Fla.; and two sisters, Theodora Nessas of Princeton and Felice Vahavilos of Princeton.

Funeral services were held Saturday at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Hamilton. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

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The sale will be held Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 3, and Sunday, March 15, from 12:30 to 3. More than 1500 customers are expected to get on line at the church's entrance at 33 Mercer Street for free admission tickets that will be given out beginning at 7 Saturday morning.

"Because we don't want gridlock, we let 50 people in at a time," explained event chairman Reg Bishop of Princeton. "By 10 a.m. we should have Number 400 pass through. People should know that we put out new clothing throughout the day in the parish hall."

The Trinity Rummage Sale, spread out over three floors, offers antiques, furniture, better clothes, shoes, toys, sports equipment, small appliances, household items, coffee-table books and a boutique that showcases sterling, china, porcelain, crystal, and estate jewelry.

"We have a sterling silver teapot on a pedestal warmer that was appraised in 1982 for \$275," said boutique volunteer Nora Wilmot of Princeton. In Better Dresses, there's a new section with women's clothes size 16 and above.

I Rummage, Therefore I Am tee shirts will be sold and given out at random throughout the day.

Trinity's Senior Youth group will carry rummage purchases for a small tip to help pay for a trip to live among the poor. This June, in Montreal, the students will participate in "Learning through Service," where for a week they will sleep at a Mennonite community service center and volunteer during the day at a soup kitchen, food bank, hospice center and refugee housing facility.

Proceeds from the rummage sale help fund Trinity's outreach work. In 1997 Trinity awarded \$55,020 to 22 charities, including \$15,000 to Crisis Ministry, \$14,000 to the Trenton After School Program and \$2,870 to the Exchange Club of Princeton.

For more information on the sale, call 924-2277.



ATTENTION BIBLIOPHILES: Reg Bishop, chairman of the 28th Annual Trinity Church Rummage Sale, prepares books for the sale, which will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 14.

Bulletin Notes

The 1998 World Day of Prayer will be sponsored by the Princeton chapter of the **Church Women United** on Friday, March 6, at noon at the First Baptist Church, John Street.

The service was written by Christian women from Madagascar.

All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton is starting a new ministry, Alpha. This is a simple concept of evangelism which was developed in a London church and has spread to hundreds of churches globally.

A group meets for dinner from 5 to 8, then gathers for a 40-minute presentation, followed by a small group break-out session to discuss the evening's topic and to ask questions about life, faith, and God.

The series runs through Sunday, May 24. All are welcome. To participate, call 921-2420.

All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton will sponsor a Lenten Soup Supper Series during the weeks between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. The simple soup supper will be followed by a presentation and discussion. The topic for the series is "Christianity and Other Religions."

The Lenten Soup Suppers will be held Wednesday evenings at 7 on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1.

All are welcome. Reservations are appreciated. To reserve a seat call 921-2420.

Church World Service, is helping to coordinate church and interreligious response efforts aimed primarily at the mid-term and long-term recovery needs of those devastated by the recent Florida storms.

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Jewish Family & Children's Service has announced that supplemental funds are available to help local Jewish families make appropriate preparations for the upcoming Passover holiday.

The special food requirements of Passover add additional costs to a family's budget. Families in financial difficulty are often hard pressed to meet the extra expense. The JFCS Passover Fund, supported by voluntary donations, provides extra financial help so that families can celebrate the holiday in the traditional manner.

Requests are made to the agency's professional staff and the confidentiality of recipients is assured. Grant amounts are determined by the number of persons in the family and are available to Jewish families who live in Mercer County and certain adjacent communities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

To request Passover grants, call 987-8100 or 882-9317.

Temple Micah, Lawrenceville, will hold an adult education class, "Understanding Passover," on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

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A Friday Evening Family Shabbat Service and Purim Celebration will take place March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Ellen Greenspan will lead both the adult education class and the Shabbat services.

Temple Micah services and classes are held at the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church in the upstairs chapel, and are always open to the public.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Princeton, has elected two new members to its board of trustees.

They are Bill Bell, of Princeton, and Barbara Muench, of Lawrenceville, both life-long Christian Scientists with experience in business.

They are part of a five-

member board which oversees the financial and other activities of the church.

Princeton Church of Christ, 33 River Road, has scheduled three upcoming divorce recovery activities. All are free.

The Divorce Recovery Support Group will meet Friday, March 6, and Friday, March 27, both at 7:30 p.m. for open discussion.

A divorce recovery seminar will discuss "Dealing with Depression" on Friday, March 13, at 7:30.

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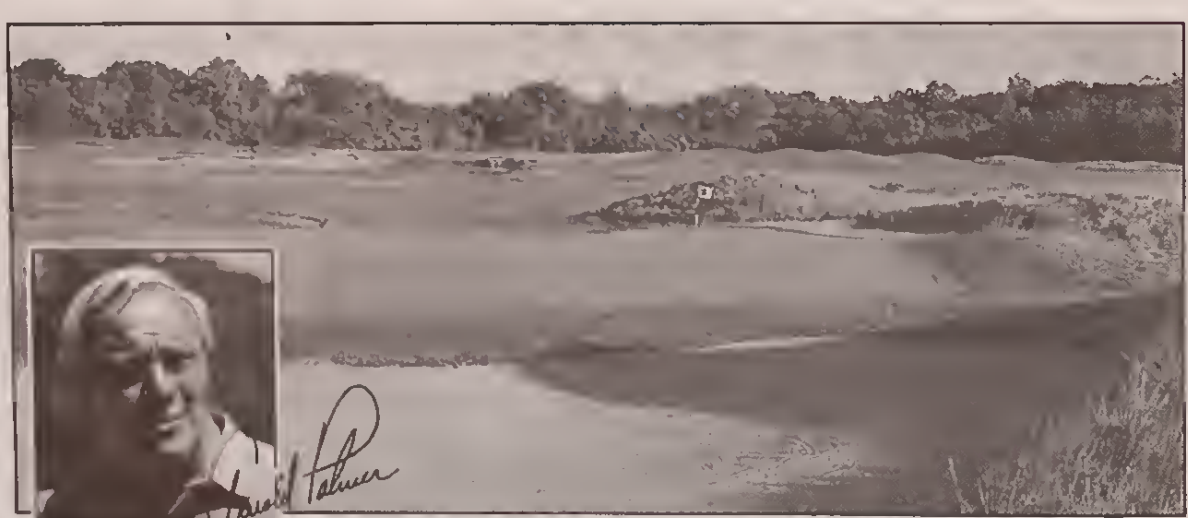
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